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After attending a convention deep in our hearts remains the impression of the largeness of Theta, her nobility and the unity of her many chapters into a harmonious and illustrious whole. You who have not yet attended convention—do come this year, so that you may return to your chapters with the unselfishness and at-oneness which convention inspires. In the words of our lovely president of last convention—"Let us re-live our convention in our various Theta communities and so make our fraternity the real instrument of progress which she should be, at once a precept and an example of all that is lovely and worth while."

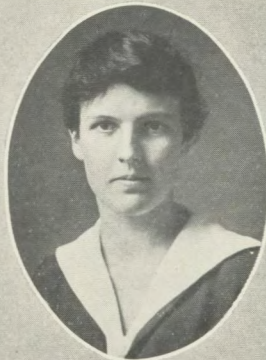


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THE QUESTION

Resolved, that Kappa Alpha Theta shall hold its Grand convention, as scheduled, in June, 1917.

How shall we decide this question? Would the postponement of convention seriously hamper our progress and power as a fraternity? What fraternity business can not wait consideration? and how can action be taken wisely on such without a convention? could the convention fund be used for some service more essential now than convention?

Such are the questions confronting us today. Questions we can not answer peremptorily. The answer to the main question—convention or no convention—depends upon the developments of the next few weeks. Today our conclusions have reached only this far.

Kappa Alpha Theta's organization is sufficiently well established to stand unshaken even without the inspiration and development convention gives. The mails are available for the effective transaction of immediate business—slow, irksome, and inadequate as such means may be. The fraternity can weather successfully a postponement or even an omission of this year's convention.

So much for the negative. Now for the affirmative.

Terrible as is the catastrophe of war, even when it is for such an immensely precious thing as the preservation of democracy, we must go on living, and the more normal that living is the more wholesome and serviceable it is to the nation. The experience of other countries within the last two years has established the economic need for people, as far as possible, to maintain in war time their usual budget expenditures, for only thus can business remain stable and continue to employ the thousands dependent upon its stability for their livelihood. To support the usual business of the country is far better than to support its participants through emergency charities which are the inevitable outcome of depressed or bankrupt business. Experience has established also the salutary need of a normal continuance of pleasures, recreations, and holidays in order to prevent the wrecking of the nation's health under the nervous strain of anxiety and sorrow which are necessary corollaries to war.

It is very improbable that war will make such demands upon individual citizens by June that many of us will be needed at that time either in industrial or war emergency activities. Furthermore, the recreation and inspiration of such a week of fellowship as

convention would be good insurance for our fitness to meet such duties when we are needed.

The paralysis of thought and activity that have come with the real realization that war is an actuality for the United States, is dangerous and must be short-lived. Women, because for the majority of them business does not demand that they continue the routine of regular office hours, are especially susceptible to such demoralization. It is possible to be too willing to sacrifice immediate plans and rush into feverish, futile activity, thus dissipating the energy needed for the genuine sacrifices which our country may in time need to ask of each of us.

The slogan for our convention is "Opportunity." In face of the present crisis that slogan has a wider significance than could be foreseen when it was chosen last September. Convention's programme is subject to similar alteration, so that, if we have convention, it shall answer by constructive action and activity the question—how can convention be made a vital service to the nation's welfare?

The fraternity is not the only agency that our plans affect—railroads, hotels, communities, et cetera, share in the preparations and results. It may chance that government demands on transportation facilities may make it inconvenient or even impossible for our members to attempt the convention journey. It may be that problems will arise to deprive us of our hostelry, or to make advisable shifting our headquarters to some city hotel, whose all-the-year-round character leaves less subject to disturbance than is the resort hotel. It may be that our country will be needing the individual services of all of us somewhere by June. (Just as the needs of Canada's harvest are to deprive us of the presence at convention of any but the two official delegates from our Toronto chapters.) It may be that the tragedy of war will have come so close by that time that the weight of sorrows would make impossible any rallying of the clan even for needed rest and recreation.

But, unless some such contingencies appear less remote by June 1 than they do now, convention will convene at The Inn, Charlevoix, Michigan, June 26. Every reader is asked to fill in and mail *at once* the blank in the front of this issue, so that the decision may reflect the deliberate judgment of the fraternity. In case convention should be postponed, or location changed, definite announcement will be sent direct to every Theta whose returned blank indicates her expectation to attend.

It is not for selfish reasons or for any personal gain that we urge Thetas everywhere to support convention this year, to come and share its work and play. You need the stimulation of its fellowship. Only by your presence in large numbers can convention attain its opportunity for service to democracy's best ideals through the con-

structive programme that our mobile organization can readily perpetuate. Opportunity through service shall be the guiding principle of this convention, for Thetahood means citizenship loyal to our country's and humanity's needs.

Grand secretary

CONVENTION RAILROAD ARRANGEMENTS

The plans for the convention special train are necessarily very simple, due to Charlevoix's central location. Arrangements have been made with the Pere Marquette railroad that should prove convenient and pleasant. Reservations may be made from the terminals of Chicago, Detroit, and Toledo through to Charlevoix on the following schedule:

Lv. Chicago	12:00 noon, June 25	Ar. Grand Rapids	5:00 P. M.
Lv. Detroit	1:00 P. M., June 25	Ar. Grand Rapids	5:05 P. M.
Lv. Toledo	11:20 A. M., June 25	Ar. Grand Rapids	5:05 P. M.

—(via Plymouth, connecting with the Detroit division)

A reunion and reception will be held at the New Pantlind hotel in Grand Rapids until 7:00 P. M. dinner being served in the ball-room at that hour at \$1.00 per plate.

The entire party will leave Grand Rapids at 10:00 P. M. by special train, arriving at Charlevoix about 6:00 A. M. June 26, reaching The Inn in time for breakfast.

The cost for Pullman service is as follows:

	CHICAGO TO CHARLEVOIX	DETROIT TO CHARLEVOIX	TOLEDO TO CHARLEVOIX
Lower	\$ 3.00	\$2.50	\$2.50
Upper	2.40	2.00	2.00
Section	5.40	4.50	4.50
Drawing-room	11.00	9.00	9.00

Pullman reservations must be made before June 15. If you are going via Chicago, write O. L. Kinney, 226 S. Clark St., Chicago, your needs in the way of space. If you are going via Detroit, write J. W. Kearns, 26 Fort St. W., Detroit. If going via Toledo, write J. K. Cooper, Room 628-29, Ohio Bldg., Toledo. These gentlemen can also give you any additional railroad information you may desire.

BAGGAGE. When you write for Pullman reservations, BE SURE to state how many pieces of baggage you will check to Charlevoix. Identification baggage tags will be furnished by the railroad, as formerly, one check for each piece of baggage. These

insure your baggage being handled on the Special train and its prompt delivery to your room after it reaches Charlevoix. The agents will send you these tags when confirming your Pullman reservations.

RAILROAD RATES will be by the usual "Summer excursion," ninety day tickets.

CONVENTION HOTEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Thetas will have exclusive use of "The Inn" during convention. It will accommodate 400 guests. As we really expect more Thetas than that, our friends and relatives will have to put up at other Charlevoix hotels. There are two very good ones, "The Belvidere" and the "Charlevoix Beach hotel" and numerous others. The rate at "The Inn," for the Thetas, is a remarkably good one, \$2.50 a day per person. Those who wish may stay over until July 10 at that rate. Reservations for convention space will be made by Mr. A. I. Creamer, "The Inn," Charlevoix, Michigan, before June 20. Be sure to give the name of each member of the party for which reservation is made.

BACTERIOLOGY AS A FORM OF PUBLIC SERVICE

At this time of national crisis, when each of us is longing to interpret her training in terms of service to the government, it seems especially fitting to bring to the attention of the girls, who will be re-entering college in the fall, a vocation which in time of peace or war may be a means of public service.

Bacteriology, a science less than forty years young, is many sided in its appeal. In agriculture, in home economics, in industry, in sociology, in medicine, and in purely public health work it is of ever increasing importance. Its many unsolved problems are a great incentive to creative minds. There are theoretical as well as practical fields which are waiting for the plow of the student and of the practical worker.

It is not possible here to outline the various roads of entry into the different branches of bacteriological work. At this present instant its public health phase is most prominent. There are but two states in the union that do not possess some form of a public health laboratory. Several have more than one. Practically every city of 30,000 or over has its municipal laboratory, many smaller ones are entering into this work. It is safe to say that within the next ten years, laboratories which will give free service in bacteriological diagnosis along public health lines will be doubled in number and at least tripled in usefulness. Women have already proven that they

are capable of holding positions in these laboratories, and with the ever increasing improvement of courses of training in bacteriology, the women who are now in college are given an opportunity to enter this service splendidly equipped.

The amount of training required of its workers by different laboratories varies greatly. A few insist upon an M.D. degree. A Bachelor's degree based on at least three years of scientific study should qualify one for an assistantship in a reputable laboratory, and with a year or two of practical experience higher positions will not be slow in coming to a truly earnest bacteriologist.

As in any other line of public service, public health work should be entered into only by those who are actually eager to serve the community, the state or the government. College women who care for science and who are anxious to give their talents to their fellow-citizens can find no more satisfactory outlet for their ambitions than this.

Laura Leonard Gilman, Madison Alumnae

THETAS WE HONOR

ANNA BOTSFORD COMSTOCK

Iota, B.S. '85, Sigma Xi

Mrs. Comstock's personality makes a lasting impression upon all who meet her. A trained mind that has never lost its native brilliancy and originality; a generous heart that responds to every human need; an unselfish character that lends added beauty to the face and fills life with the spirit of service; a grace and congeniality as a hostess who radiates hospitality; the qualities of an ideal teacher, a loyal friend, and counsellor—these are the characteristics that belong to Mrs. Comstock and endear her to all who know her.

To know Mrs. Comstock is one of the rare privileges of being a Cornell student, a privilege always guaranteed Thetas, for whom she keeps a special place in her chimney corner. During most of the time since she entered Cornell as a freshman in 1875, she has been identified with the university's life, as a student, as the wife of a professor, and now as a professor herself. Her home is a center for students and faculty who take her their personal problems to solve, and who seek her good company for the recreation and inspiration it always gives. Having no child of her own, she has extended her mothering impulse to include all who need her. To them and to her neighbors and friends, she is a never failing source of solace and joy.

Mrs. Comstock's development of her wondrously gifted nature is not one-sided, but represents symmetrical growth toward ideal

womanhood. Since intellectual achievements are more easily measured and recorded than achievements in other fields of service, brief reference to some of her intellectual results can be interpreted as typical of the richness and fullness of her life in all its varied interests.

A small bookshelf would not hold all of Mrs. Comstock's published writings and pictures. With equal facility, accuracy, and art she writes a poem or a scientific volume, a novel or popular science sketches; or makes a scientific drawing of a butterfly's wing or a color sketch to record her travels.

Her own bookshelf would certainly contain: *Ways of the six footed*, charming science stories for children, *Manual for the study of insects*, and *How to know the butterflies*, in both of which she collaborated with her distinguished husband, Prof. J. H. Comstock, and made the engraved illustrations. Her *Handbook of nature study* is the fundamental textbook of the subject, in whose development and teaching Mrs. Comstock has been a pioneer, now holding the Professorship of nature study at Cornell university. Among other books are charming notebooks for children to use in studying birds, trees, and insects in the out-of-doors. Then there is a large volume called *Pets*, in which much that is original appears along with the best experience that has been accumulated in the handling of pets. Under the pen name "Marion Lee," Mrs. Comstock tried unsuccessfully to conceal her identity as the author of the essay-novel, *Confessions to a heathen idol*, which reveals the philosophic quality of her mind.

All of Mrs. Comstock's writings bear unmistakable touches of her personality, as well as her own delightful illustrative drawings. From the point of view of her friends, her books have added value because they put on record some of the fine qualities of this Theta who is admired, revered, honored, and loved by all who have experienced the blessings of her companionship.

R. G. S.

MARY RIDPATH MANN

Alpha, A.B. '87, A.M. '90

Among the Thetas who have achieved pronounced success in professional life is Mary Ridpath Mann, lecturer, author, and composer. Mrs. Mann was a member of Alpha chapter, and the daughter of John Clark Ridpath, the American historian. After her marriage to Charles W. Mann, West Point '88, she went to Chicago to live and except for absences while travelling has continued to reside there. After the death of her husband she entered the lecture field in which she had no difficulty in establishing her-

self, and between seasons she has found time for much newspaper and magazine writing. She has been for several years manuscript reader for a large publishing house, during which time literally thousands of manuscripts have passed through her hands. She is the author of several books and many short stories. *The unofficial secretary*, her charming story of South American life, sprang into popularity at one bound, as did also her *Royal women—their history and romance*. Some of her best short stories are *In the night Court*, *The spoken word*, and *Love versus literature*.

In addition to her literary work, Mrs. Mann has served as private secretary to two Governors, one American Minister (to China), one American Consul (to South America), two Judges (the Morals court and the Court of domestic relations), the President of the Illinois state historical society, the President of the American medical association—all of which has given her a wide and varied experience.

Mrs. Mann has two hobbies. The first is song writing. She is the composer of many exquisite songs some of which have been sung with great success by well-known singers but which are still in manuscript. Asked why she had never made any attempt to have them published, she laughed and related the story of Edgar Allen Poe who, being asked by an editor to furnish him with a poem of fourteen lines to fill out a column, turned upon him furiously and shouted, "Sir, I will have you know that writing poetry is with me a passion—not a profession!" Mrs. Mann's other hobby is a course of free lectures which she gives on Saturday afternoons at the Chicago historical society for the public school children of the eighth grade. There is nothing compulsory about the attendance. The children are simply invited to come, and the fact that they are willing to give up their Saturday afternoons for the purpose speaks well for the popularity of both lecture and lecturer. During the five years since the course was established, she has told the history of Chicago to more than a hundred thousand school children.

Mrs. Mann has ever been generous with her gifts, always willing to give her services in a worthy cause. Before this article appears she will have contributed her series on French history for the benefit of the French war orphan fund.

Convention is the place for the—

Freshman to grow enthusiastic.

Sophomore to receive inspiration.

Junior to gain fraternity knowledge.

Senior to acquire her world vision.

Teacher to meet old friends.

Homemakers to have a happy week.

All alumnae to share their wisdom.

Everyone to exchange the best they know, for the jolliest, friendliest, sisterliest kind of a wonderful week you ever dreamt of!—A Γ Δ Quarterly.

THE FRATERNITY OF THE FUTURE

AN OPEN LETTER TO GREEK-LETTER WOMEN

Kappa Alpha Theta is glad to publish this very thought-stimulating article. It is a progressive development of an idea first broached in our issue of March, 1911, for which Josephine Meissner wrote *New recruiting method*.

Recently the Editor was in a fireside group of fraternity alumnae and upperclassmen who were discussing the affect of fraternities upon non-fraternity students. The consensus of opinion was that such students must feel in varying degrees the humiliation Miss Spalding believes so acute. Was it significant of an over-emphasis of this point and of a biased interpretation of the actual facts of the past by one's present vision that the alumnae felt more keenly than did the upperclassmen the sensitiveness that would have been theirs if they had been among those not chosen, and that it was the three members present (one alumna and two upperclassmen) who had not "made a fraternity" until their second or third year in college who insisted that neither they in their non-fraternity college years, nor their many non-fraternity friends, were in any way handicapped or made unhappy by such a stratification?

As a fraternity, Kappa Alpha Theta is not planning any immediate adoption of such radical changes. If her officers were positive that such a plan *would actually eliminate rushing*, they would lead a propaganda for its prompt ratification. As it is, they urge all our Readers to give careful consideration to this proposition and encourage chapters, both college and alumnae, to discuss it fully. It should stimulate convention's consideration of delayed initiation, scholarship standards, and so forth, and it points the way for a progressive development of the fraternity idea.—L. P. G.

Sometimes, at the "movies," there will be thrown upon the screen the magnified image of some familiar flower, which straightway becomes animated, begins to quiver with life, to unfold and reach upward, representing in the space of a few moments the growth and development of an entire day. The college fraternity, like many other institutions in this astonishing age of ours, is undergoing an evolution so rapid that one may fairly watch it grow, like the flower on the screen.

A college student body is proverbially subject to change. Where the span of life is of but four years' duration, where new ideas are superseded every year by newer ones—surely this is a veritable hot-house for change and development.

The Greek-letter organization is feeling the forcing process of this hot-house atmosphere. There is pressure from within, and stimulus from without. The future of the fraternity is being shaped under our very eyes in rapid adjustment to a new social conscience and its higher demands.

It must be pointed out first that the college chapter is but a small part of the fraternity proper. It is the open doorway—the novitiate term, as it were, which introduces the young woman to the broader meaning of her fraternity. If to the observer the college chapter appears selfish, if it seems superficial, if in its conduct it is feverish and erratic, let not the critic judge the whole by the faults of a part. Undergraduate life in a college chapter is to the thorough fraternity

woman what the first harness is to the colt—a vivid and spectacular experience, made up of hysterical episodes and extravagant expenditures of force, but symbolic of cooperation with and high devotion to a supreme idea.

Let the critic not overlook the fact that this close organization imposes a discipline upon the individual which is invaluable; that it teaches tolerance and forbearance and generosity such as the non-fraternity girl is never called upon to practice. It teaches that the price of harmony is loyalty to an ideal, rather than to a faction.

It is the college chapter only which holds the conspicuous place in the public eye. Here alone it is observed with its too youthful and restricted vision of service, its narrow prejudice and its inexperienced judgment. Is it surprising, then, that by this alone it has been measured?

The botanist studies the flower as an index to the nature of the plant, but he does not ignore the root and the branch, nor would he count his observations complete until he has observed the fruit at maturity. Who would make an adequate study of the fraternity must observe it root, branch, flower, and fruit. This phenomenon of modern student life has a tremendous influence upon the lives of college students, one which reaches far and deep into their after lives, and leaves an indelible stamp upon the individual. It certainly behooves the thoughtful, therefore, to examine closely this institution, to determine whether on the whole its influence is for good or evil.

Since the specific aims expressed in the founding of the different fraternities are shrouded in a pink fog of secrecy, there can be no analysis of this interesting element—the conscious motive. Yet a general acquaintance with the atmosphere of fraternity life convinces me that all are built upon some idea of service. Formulated fifty years ago, one may readily conclude that the fraternity in its ritual, reflects the altruistic ideals of a romantic generation in its romantic youth. The poetry and religious beauty of that time continue to exert an inspiring influence upon the youthful mind of today. The elemental force of pageantry and mystic charm still makes its appeal to the young woman of the present, and holds out possibilities of continued influence in the future. The expansion of these elements into policies which accord with modern social evolution, which contribute to the improvement of student life as a whole, and which accord with the social conscience of tomorrow—indicates the direction of the rapid evolution we are now watching.

This matter of interpretation and administration must be thoroughly modernized. The fraternity has proceeded far in evolving the machinery for this elastic interpretation and administration, but it is as yet far from adequate, and is only beginning to be put into operation. There is everywhere among serious minded fraternity

women an effort to bring about a nicer adjustment of the fraternity to the needs of student life.

Let us consider the college chapter, what it thinks it is doing in the way of serving the community, and what it is actually doing.

Its most conspicuous characteristic is that it *selects* its members. This has a psychological affect upon the members themselves, and upon the community at large. We all know that to be selected raises one's status, both in one's own estimation, and in that of one's fellows. But—and this fact has been somewhat neglected—by raising the status of those selected, it automatically lowers the status of those not selected, not only in the minds of those chosen, but also in the mind of the community at large.

How does it select its members? By an absurd system which pretends to measure the worth of the individual; a system which presupposes in that group of immature girls an accuracy of judgment which no mature and experienced person would venture to claim for himself. It is absurd because its standard of judgment is erratic, unintelligible, and confessedly ineffectual. But nevertheless, the effect is a change in status of the individual. Hence the apparent paradox—there is no "fraternity type" but there is a non-fraternity type.

By this selection the fraternity, in its inmost heart, feels itself to be aristocratic—yet it strives to *seem* democratic—sets up barriers which *forbid* democracy, yet is necessarily as democratic in its personnel as the veriest chance gathering of college women that could be convened. However elaborate the machinery for selection, the choice, in the last analysis, is a haphazard one. Its membership is quite heterogeneous; by any test that can be devised there will be discovered representatives of as wide a range of qualifications and disqualifications as can be found in the unorganized student body.

And yet this marked stratification—this ever apparent distinction between the fraternity and non-fraternity girl! The world at large has been prompt to accept it, and—perhaps unconsciously, but certainly—to act upon it. This stratification is eminently unjust, and vastly detrimental. It contributes to prevailing fallacy, and serves to class in a body those who have been found wanting (by a superficial test, it is true, but one which affects public opinion, nevertheless). Is it wholesome to group together and place under one label girls who are under some personal handicap—girls who are more timid than the average—those who are poorly dressed—those lacking in physical vitality—those with defects of sight or hearing or speech or carriage? Decidedly no! Even the entirely normal and thoroughly attractive girl who happens not to have been selected—and there are always many of these—even *she* suffers in such an environment. Place any one of these, handicap or no, in the selected group, and observe how courageously she goes about overcoming her disadvan-

tage, whatever it may be! Whereas, under the stigma of "those found wanting," her misfortune is exaggerated out of all proportion. (I have watched the experiment and can testify.)

But add to this unnatural atmosphere the further disadvantage to the non-fraternity group, of a large and impersonal organization, whose need of a strong leader is imperative, and then consider that that leader is subject to abstraction by some fraternity at any time! How is a normal mental atmosphere possible to the girl of average balance? If the occasional slurring remarks of students (yes, even faculty) could be eliminated altogether, there would still remain to her the unhappy realization that she is forced by circumstances into association with those who have failed to measure up. This realization withers possible friendship like a searing wind, so that the non-fraternity horizon is usually narrowed to a clique; it is *not* broader, but is far more restricted than the fraternity horizon with its self-sufficient group of thirty or forty. The fraternity girl for instance, feels not the slightest hesitation about making friendly advances to some other girl, fraternity or non-fraternity—yet she has established the barrier which discourages advances from the non-fraternity girl; this latter cannot anticipate a genuine pleasure in the thought of making a friendly call upon a household that has stood in judgment upon her, and found her wanting. Naturally, it is not done—and the fraternity girl complains that her efforts at being democratic are rebuffed, that she goes halfway and yet fails!! So I maintain that the whole atmosphere is vitiated with the taint of unfriendliness.

It may be objected that there are some non-fraternity girls who are able to ignore the fraternity, entirely—girls who do make their friends irrespective of its barriers. But such girls are unusually strong minded, or unusually obtuse. I feel perfectly safe in asserting that there are very few non-fraternity girls who do not at some time entertain an intense resentment toward the fraternity and its implications.

So the non-fraternity girl begins her college career knee-deep in a mire of doubt and disfavor. She may be only vaguely conscious of it at first, but she realizes it fully in the course of time. If she wades out, it is by sheer force of personality. Then wonder not that so many are utterly submerged in a sea of oblivion, wonder not that they lack self-confidence, personality, and spontaneity. Wonder, rather, at the strong, well-poised, generous-minded girl who withstands these destructive influences and in her senior year stands abreast of her more fortunate classmates, their acknowledged equal in spite of the price she has paid for the advantages they have enjoyed. And then they whisper to each other, "How did we happen to miss her?" Oh, her moral triumph is glorious indeed—quite beyond their comprehension!

But what of the girl who has all her life been brought up in the tradition that some day she will become a member of a particular group—the little sister, or the daughter of some devoted member in the fraternity. Here is the canker at the root of the whole system. If there is anything of value in the fraternity, those who have worked to support it wish the benefit to descend to sister or daughter. But the very most cherished right, the most inherent principle of the fraternity to choose its own membership—is hopelessly inconsistent with this unspoken claim of sister or daughter. Bosom friends in one generation cannot expect their daughters to become bosom friends in the next. While there is, of course, no inherent reason why they cannot be friends, yet the very idea that they are expected to, initiates antagonism. Out of the pain and stress of this situation has arisen incalculable suffering and humiliation. Spectacular consequences have ranged all the way from nervous prostration and threatened lawsuits to the promise of dynamiting! Clearly, if this situation continues, it is only a matter of time until the outraged alumnae will deliberately demolish the thing they have erected. What sort of altruism is it that can work such havoc in the lives of young and old alike, they ask themselves. And they search the field of their memories for that seed of service they once planted. Calm analysis shows it to be there still, but hedged about with thistles which conceal venomous things in their depths.

The more rabid would plow up the whole field with a ruthless steel blade of legislation. Even after a most thorough upheaval, another season may see the field flourishing—thistles and all. No, it demands discriminate judgment and patient labor to redeem the good and eradicate the evil. After all, revolution is not so effectual as evolution. Therefore, let us see whether the evil can be abolished and the good retained.

A SUGGESTED CHANGE

Supposing the fraternity were reorganized on a system of progressive degrees which would combine the idea of application for membership with that of election. By such a plan the first degree would be granted upon application, and might correspond to the present pledge. Progression to the second degree should depend upon three qualifications: first, scholarship; second, personality. A matter to be determined, as now, by a unanimous vote of those above first degree. The third factor in progression from first to second degree should be the temperamental qualification, amiability, executive ability, and so forth, and should be determined by vote of the first degree members. This would be in the nature of an honorary election, and would perhaps come first in the order of procedure—the others to follow immediately, or in the course of two or three years, depending upon circumstances.

Such an election could not easily fall to the selfish or snobbish girl, but it might very well fall to the girl whose personal worth grows apparent on long acquaintance. Some girls, because of low scholarship, or through a lack of the vitality that would warrant vigorous participation in student affairs, would remain permanently in the first degree, but this would not necessarily entail humiliation. On the contrary, failure to progress, for any reason whatsoever, would act as an incentive to greater endeavor, and any disappointment would be ameliorated by the hope of doing better, and by the knowledge that improvement would receive recognition.

The second degree members would constitute what is now the college chapter, would be limited (to the capacity of the house, perhaps), and would direct the efforts of first degree members.

Upon analysis this suggestion is not so radical as it at first appears to be. It is, in fact, only a short step from the system in present usage in some colleges, where initiation depends upon scholarship and where pledges are brought together regularly in a systematic effort to direct their activities.

There are a number of advantages to be noted in the proposed system, the first of which is that it does away with the elaborate and pernicious rushing system, and dispenses with the impersonal election which has become such a farce when thirty or forty people persuade themselves that they have arrived at unanimity of opinion. Rushing, at once the most imposing and the most unsatisfactory device conceivable for establishing lasting ties, could be dispensed with entirely. In its place would grow up a natural and entirely informal sort of relationship.

Another point is that applicants would become, to a certain degree, the judges, as well as the judged. The method would tend to develop discriminate estimate of character, and consequently, a higher ideal for fraternity standards. Too often, under the present system, popularity comes through a sort of vivacity verging dangerously upon impertinence, upon the ability to retail entertaining bits of gossip, or upon the facility with which a girl commands a coterie of "suitors." This sort of popularity has a detrimental affect; conscious imitation is the natural result, where girls are impressed with the idea that to acquire popularity is to reflect credit upon "the house."

The suggested plan dispenses also with the necessity of associating girls together in a too intimate relationship, out of proportion to their knowledge of each other or their genuine attraction for each other. The flimsy judgments of rushing season are often reversed too late, causing bitter and lasting unhappiness to all concerned. By the suggested device no one would arrive at second degree who had not passed all three tests, and so established her fitness to live in the intimate group within the chapter house.

Another virtue lies in the probable affect upon the "social butterfly," she who comes to college naively betraying the fact that her

quest is the minimum of education and the maximum of social advancement. Under the present system, this type is only too successful in "making a fraternity," with the natural result that the fraternity proceeds to make itself like her. This type of girl, product of a narrow-visioned environment, certainly needs the college influence, and, lest the college grow too learned and sedate, it needs her, but it does not need to be remodeled upon her plan. This is rather the tendency when she comes to be the predominant factor in upperclass circles (where, under the present system, the selfish or irresponsible girl arrives merely by reason of her upperclass standing). Under the proposed plan, the "social butterfly," in order to attain the prestige for which she comes, would have to earn it by conforming to the standards set by her fellow-students and the fraternity of her choice.

Furthermore, by this method the little sister or daughter would find herself with equal chance to win her place, instead of a diminished chance, by reason of her relationship.

Another advantage is that the smaller executive chapter would form a stronger and more closely knit body, more truly conforming to the ideal of a sisterhood.

A third degree might be conferred as a high honor, a recognition of unusual talent in some line of activity, such details would be a matter of gradual adjustment.

The relative status of the first, second, and third degrees in the after-college activities would be a matter of minor importance. In this field, participation and service are governed by the particular circumstances of the individual, not by scholastic and social attainment. A valuation of the vote corresponding to the different degrees, suggests itself as a simple adjustment which would not limit participation in active work of the *alumnae* body.

It may be objected that this reorganization would only shift the line of demarkation, that the same tendency to establish an aristocracy must persist regardless of legislation. This is, no doubt, a just criticism. But the fraternity, as it now stands, emphasizes this aristocratic tendency in a manner both extravagant and powerful, with its impressive machinery of exclusiveness. By diminishing the false prestige upon which it now stands, its benefits may be extended and increased. The effect would be to eliminate the acute stratification, and so gradually obliterate the line of social prestige, substituting a more normal expression of this aristocratic instinct.

It is doubtful whether, if adopted, the system could be set into operation at once. Probably considerable urging on the part of the fraternity girls would be necessary to persuade the first group to apply for membership, although some limit as to numbers, or class, might be advisable, ultimately. But in introducing the new system there would be a virtual continuation of the invitational method, in all likelihood; an advantage, in itself, since abrupt changes are more dangerous than gradual ones.

But this would not effect any radical change in the nature of the national organization, which could continue to exert its valuable influence upon the lives of mature women.

Then, suppose a greater cooperation of *alumnæ* with college chapter, through the medium of the national organization, and this in turn brought into close harmony with all other fraternities through the National Panhellenic congress. If the avowed purpose of each is social service, then a thorough cooperation would be entirely consistent, not only each with the other, but all with Collegiate *alumnæ* and other *alumnæ* organizations. What a strong potential force is represented in such centralized authority! Its function would logically be to coordinate all branches of service, in order that the greatest economy and highest efficiency should prevail throughout.

The fraternity could continue to pour into actively organized social work its constant stream of youth and energy. One of the greatest of the fraternity assets is this graceful device by which the young woman and the gray-haired matron are brought together in a mutually inspiring and thoroughly delightful comradeship.

Another asset to be preserved is the element of genuine democracy. I refer to the close association of women whose economic positions are at wide variance, yet who find a strong bond of sympathy in the fraternity organization. It serves to bridge the gap between the woman of meagre income, and her of bounteous wealth. Those at each extreme find their lives enriched through a personal knowledge and appreciation of the others. In a thoroughly alive *alumnæ* organization, the woman of leisure may find herself under the able direction of the woman of affairs, and the efficiency of the entire body is increased by the very divergency of its membership. These are the things so well worth preserving that they cannot pass out of existence without profound regret, and real loss. These are the things which impel us to stay the force of legislation.

Then let us, Greek-letter women, lay hold upon our too complacent selves! Let us, realize clearly our shortcomings, and awake to our own fair future. This means that we must make a more intelligent effort to realize our ideas of service to society. We must make the fraternity more truly a contribution to the well-being of college women as a whole, instead of an un-American device which advances some at the expense of others, conferring upon the limited few a limited benefit.

The soul of culture is kindness. *Is* the fraternity exerting the cultural influence it means to exert? *Alumnæ*, the question is addressed to you, who have each helped in some part to make the fraternity what it is today. Can we not express a higher, broader kindness than we have yet expressed? Let us realize our larger possibilities, and so justify the toil and devotion that have gone into the upbuilding of the fraternity.

Helen G. Spalding, Phi and Los Angeles alumnæ

OUTLINE OF THE PROPOSED REORGANIZATION OF FRATERNITIES

Each fraternity to comprise three degrees.

The first degree open to any undergraduate on application, after conferring with proper official.

The second degree attainable through three qualifications, these to be recognized in the case of each girl either simultaneously, or at different periods in her undergraduate term.

1. Scholarship, at whatever standard the fraternity chooses to appoint.

2. Majority vote of all first degree members.

3. Unanimous vote of all members above first degree.

The third degree to be granted for unusual attainment in any form which the fraternity chooses to recognize.

First degree members considered as associate members having limited executive power, and fraternity house privileges according to the ability of second degree members to grant the same.

Second degree members limited to capacity of fraternity house (or in some other way) to correspond to present college chapter—to carry on the fraternity standards and direct first degree members toward promotion.

After graduation all degrees privileged to participate in *alumnæ* activities—an increased value of the vote to attach to the higher degrees.

KILLING NINE BIRDS WITH ONE STONE

The writer believes that by this system certain evils of the college fraternity can be eradicated.

1. It eliminates rushing.

2. It disposes of the little sister problem by giving the little sister or daughter a fair chance.

3. It allows time for development during the plastic years of the undergraduate term.

4. It rationalizes the method of selection—does not attempt to determine the status of the freshman immediately and unalterably.

5. It extends the benefits of the fraternity to a wider circle.

6. It safeguards the standards of the fraternity.

7. It recognizes the essential democracy of the fraternity.

8. It accords to the non-fraternity girl the dignity she deserves.

9. It tends to simplify fraternity life by minimizing useless rivalry.

QUESTIONS ASKED AND ANSWERED

1. To how many organizations could a girl apply?

A girl could apply to only one organization. Possibly exceptions could be made for exceptional cases, such as are now made when the breaking of a pledge seems to be the only way of rectifying what a girl feels to be a mistake.

2. How many girls already in the organization would have to endorse her name?

In order to become a first degree member I would consider it adequate if one second degree member endorsed the name of an applicant. But in order

for that girl to advance to second degree it would require a unanimous vote of all second degree members, and this would only operate where the other two qualifications had also been met. There are three, you remember (1) Scholarship (at whatever mark the fraternity chooses to set) (2) The majority vote of all first degree members (3) The unanimous vote of all second degree members. She would then be a member of the fraternity proper, entitled to live in the fraternity house and to enjoy all the privileges and opportunities (and responsibilities) that the fraternity affords. Her voice would count in the making of standards and rules, and after her graduation her vote would be held at a value above that of any first degree member in alumnæ circles. Voting it seems to me, is of so little moment in alumnæ activity that this difference would not be one of any consequence in practical affairs.

3. How would this system affect the upkeep of the fraternity?

The upkeep of the fraternity house would not be affected noticeably. Those living in the house would pay as they now pay. In my own house it is a certain reasonable amount covering room and board and providing a small surplus to be used in taking up gradually the shares of stock of a "house association." All those not living in the house would be expected to pay a certain stipulated amount, such as is now required of non-resident members—but a smaller sum, perhaps. Restrictions would be determined by expediency—for example, the house manager's permission when a first degree member wished to bring her mother to dinner—and so forth. These details occur readily when one begins to visualize the plan.

It is presumed that first degree members would be more numerous than second degree members. The expenses of the house would be reduced because the strain of rushing would be dispensed with. The national fraternity might be affected, of course, in its finances, according as it depended upon fees from first degree or second degree members. All of which is really simple of adjustment.

4. Would the new system save heartaches?

I firmly believe that the proposed system could prevent heartaches. In the first place I do not think for a moment that every girl would desire to be a fraternity girl. But any girl would have the satisfaction of believing that she might have been if she had wanted to try hard enough. This would prevent that hurt, so deep and so disastrous to character, which comes when a girl feels, as year after year she sees girls chosen all around her, that *she* belongs to the undesirable element left over after every group has taken all that it wanted! This I believe to be the greatest fault of the fraternity as it now exists, for only a girl of rare qualifications can maintain a proper poise in the face of that feeling—especially when it is tacitly accepted by the community in which she lives.

Then in the case of the girl who fails to "make" second degree. She should thoroughly understand the qualifications before she ever attempts it. She should confer with some official person or persons (the Dean of women would find it entirely within her province, I think) and such an official would make the standards clear in the very beginning. Different standards would prevail in different groups, since each would be at liberty to make its own. The newer and less established groups might find it advisable to set their standards in accordance with a policy of expansion, and expect to bring up their members after they are in, or to increase their requirements after a certain lapse of time (in pursuance of a deliberate constructive plan to advance the prestige of the group).

No standards should be so high that they are prohibitive, and none so low as to be suicidal. Hence, a freshman, in considering the matter of applying, would be free to select the group she favored, and would decide in her own mind (supposing it were Beta Chi) "I would rather be a first degree Beta Chi than a second degree Some Other Thing." She should have the assurance that

Beta Chi would like to see her succeed in attaining second degree, and will help her in every way possible. Then if she fails repeatedly, she will have been prepared. She will feel proud that the thing she is striving for is not easily accessible. She will have plenty of company, which will render her failure no disgrace in her own eyes, nor in the eyes of others. Moreover, she will have a perfectly unspoiled opportunity still open to her as long as she is in college.

But supposing that she keeps her eyes open and her mind alert, supposing she uses fine discrimination and makes the best standards her own—in other words, develops from an ordinary freshman to a splendid junior. Then Beta Chi will have reason to rejoice in advancing her to second degree. If it happens that she has a Beta Chi mother or sister, that person will be ten times prouder than she has any justification for being under the present system.

5. What if all girls in first degree failed to qualify for second degree? What of the balance?

If all the girls in first degree failed to qualify for second degree it would mean either that standards were prohibitive, or else that a deplorably unplastic group of girls had come into first degree and then hadn't tried very hard to improve themselves.

Second degree members would, perhaps, confess a lack of diligence in keeping interest and enthusiasm among first degree girls. It would be serious to allow such a "slump." It is to be hoped that the first degree members would always outnumber the second degree members. There would be no object in maintaining a balance, except in some exaggerated case where a group might become too popular for its own comfort, and applicants would come in "mobs." Should such an extreme situation arise the obvious recourse would be a limitation on numbers. But there would be an automatic check in the fact that the greater number of first degree members must necessarily diminish the chances of advancement and hence discourage applicants.

The whole object of the plan is to extend to a larger number of girls the opportunity and the incentive which the fraternity holds out, at the same time safeguarding the fraternity against deterioration.

A hypothetical case is mentioned where all the girls are fine, but their scholarship does not reach the mark. Perhaps the mark has been set too high, it must either be lowered, or the girls' scholarship brought up to it. Because, of course, the fraternity could not perpetuate itself unless its standards were set at an attainable level.

(A faculty man once said to me, "Fraternity girls do just as well in the matter of scholarship as non-fraternity girls, *but they ought to do a great deal better.*" I have wondered just what he meant by that. Does he suppose the fraternity girls have better brains? Or does he recognize that they have more incentive? Or does he think they have more leisure to study? [He is sadly mistaken there.] To me the very fact that they do *as well* in spite of all the extra responsibilities and distractions, speaks volumes for the matter of the incentive which the fraternity holds out. This incentive we can extend without impairment to the fraternity.)

6. What of girls from the country, girls unacquainted with the system?

It is true that sometimes our best girls come from the country, or from remote places. It is to be hoped that such girls would be discovered in the course of ordinary activities, that they would be informed, and urged to apply. The chances of discovering such girls under the proposed system are far better than under the present system where they are nearly always overlooked in a short rushing season. If some very queenly girl is discovered, even in her last semester, it would still be possible, theoretically, for that girl to make her place. The time element merely allows for freshmen to develop under stimulating conditions.

7. What would be the function of the fraternity house with regard to the first and second degree girls—and would they encroach upon each other?

It would be a home for the second degree girls, a home whose benefits could be extended or restricted as they saw fit, a place offering hospitality of a sort that is not spoiled by the necessity of calculation. Welcome should there be found for any visiting alumnae. Hospitality should be extended to faculty. Personal guests would always be received graciously as under the present régime.

For first degree members it would be a sort of clubhouse whose privileges were governed by the second degree occupants according to circumstances. A gathering once a week might be held more for the purpose of making first degree members acquainted with each other, than for cultivating the relations between first and second degree girls, this relation would develop automatically, I think. Let the first degree members assume the burden of providing the entertainment, serving the supper, getting up the stunt-party for alumnae; or possibly it could be merely an evening for reading or dancing among the girls. There should always be some constructive feature supplied by the second degree girls; perhaps they would choose to take turns in giving little talks illuminating fraternity ideas, or discussing college politics. You can think of a dozen different matters that might well come up which would "bring out" the girls naturally and unconsciously. Second degree girls could withdraw and hold their fraternity meeting while one of their members conducted the first degree meeting. You can see that it would be splendid training and need be only as serious as the girls themselves chose to make it. While there might be present among the first degree members certain ones who were not counted attractive first degree members, they need be no more of a draw-back to the good spirit of the occasion than such a one might be in a dormitory house meeting. Experience would tend to show that it would be well to suspend judgment, because that very person might, in time, rise to the highest place in the fraternity, just as, many times, some puzzling nonentity of a fraternity freshman may prove in her senior year to be the leading girl in college. The whole idea would be *not* to determine her status immediately and unalterably, but to give her and the fraternity ample opportunity to develop each other.

GRAND CONVENTION, JUNE 26-JULY 1

THE OFFICIAL DELEGATION

If your chapter isn't fully represented in this article, ask your chapter editor why.

GRAND COUNCIL

GRAND PRESIDENT: "She's the tall one."

GRAND VICE-PRESIDENT: "She's the handsome one."

GRAND TREASURER: "She's the fair one."

GRAND SECRETARY: "She's just 'L. Pearle.'"

DISTRICT I

DISTRICT PRESIDENT: Arda Knox, *see* January issue, p. 146.

ALPHA. Mary Alice Davis resides in Columbus, Ohio. She was initiated by Alpha during the second semester of her freshman year. She takes an active part in chapter affairs, and in all university affairs as well. She was one of the first girls to be a reporter on *The De Pauw daily*, and was editor-in-chief of its "Co-ed Extra" published during the last vocational conference. She has been a

member of Student council, Young Women's Christian association cabinet, the board of the junior annual, and is at present on the board of the Women's self-government association.

BETA. Louise Hall Stubbins.

GAMMA. We are proud to introduce as our delegate, Jean Brown, a regular Theta, the daughter of Mrs. Hilton U. Brown, also Gamma. Jean is a sophomore, one of nine jolly Browns, and the twin sister of Arch Brown, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, our star quarterback. She won laurels at Shortridge high school for her literary ability, and in college she has distinguished herself as playwright, actress, critic in our literary society, enthusiastic Camp-fire girl, good student, and tireless football rooter. Moreover, she is a helpful, level-headed Theta; that's why she'll be at Charlevoix.

ALPHA ETA. Anne Kincaid is our Titian-haired, brown-eyed delegate. She used to be very, very shy, but one thing that college has done for her (or was it being chapter treasurer?) has been to bring her courage to the surface, and she'll talk as much as any of us now—with a drawl that is distinctly quaint and inimitable. We shall all be at Charlevoix in spirit, and Anne will have a goodly company of thoughts from Alpha Eta as traveling companions.

ALPHA CHI. Margaret Briggs will be our convention delegate. You will find her a charming and attractive girl. Margaret comes from a Theta family, as her mother and two sisters all proudly wear the kite. She is very brilliant and was initiated recently into Omicron Nu, honorary home economics fraternity. But she is by no means a grind, but full of fun and always in for a good time. Margaret is an accomplished musician, playing the violin most beautifully.

INDIANAPOLIS ALUMNÆ. The chapter is proud to send Lucy Hughes Murray (Mrs. J. L.) as its delegate to convention. She has been prominent in either college or alumnae chapter affairs ever since she was initiated by Gamma. She has been treasurer of the alumnae chapter, and has served admirably on working committees. Lucy is a girl that we all depend upon. She is always ready to do whatever she can to help, she is always present at either social functions or business meetings.

DISTRICT II

DISTRICT PRESIDENT: Mrs. T. N. Priestly, *see* January issue, p. 150.

DELTA. Marian McConnel is Delta's delegate. We feel that she will carry the chapter's interest and enthusiasm efficiently into the sessions of convention. Her congenial personality and ease of manner readily win friends for her and mark her a good mixer. Her personal appearance is as attractive as her personality. In coloring she is more brunette than blonde, and when her large

brown eyes and clear-cut, regular features light up with a smile and her unrestrained, ringing laughter breaks out, you simply cannot resist laughing with her. That she stands about five feet nine, and is left-handed must not be omitted in this characterization, two details she, however, would prefer to have omitted.

TAU. Tory has the prettiest black curly hair you ever saw. It ripples and waves back from her forehead and makes little curls on her neck. Her voice is low and drawly, and you would listen to her if she didn't have a thing to say—but she has! Victoria Rose Ervin, 1918, is a member of Dramatic club, and of the *Syllabus* and *Surkuss Solly* boards; she writes poetry, and plays baseball and basketball. We can trust her to make important decisions for us “in the light of information only convention can bring forth.” She is a good mixer with girls and men alike, and is bound to make her Theta sisters know her at convention. She will have the power, too, to bring convention back to those of us who can't go.

UPSILON. Our delegate is Helen Wedum '18. Her first year of college was at St. Olaf's, Northfield, Minnesota. She has, however, had two years' work at Minnesota, and two years' experience as a Theta. Helen has always been interested in college athletics. She was a star forward on the house basketball team last year, and this year leads our quintet as captain and forward. Best of all, she is one of those fortunate people who can ally herself with college activities, and maintain high scholarship as well.

PSI. Dorothy Bell.

ALPHA PI. Let us present Margaret Kolars, our official representative. The first thing you will notice about this little girl is her friendly smile. It turns not up, but down toward the warm heart, whose kindness and sympathy it so truly expresses. Her blue eyes say “jollity” and make a pretty contrast to the dark hair above them. If you make an engagement with Margaret, you may be sure that she will be there. If you wish to talk seriously, you can interest Margaret in English and drama, her favorite studies.

ALPHA PSI. “What is the name of our delegate?” “Carrie Blair.” “Lucky girl,” you say. Yes, but we also think we are lucky to have her to send. No, she isn't short, she's just about average height, nice and plump with a round face and regular features. “Her hair?” I should call it medium brown in color and it's soft and forms little ringlets around her face. But it's Carrie's eyes that one notices. They are big and dark blue, shaded with long black lashes, giving her an altogether too innocent an appearance for a junior. When you meet her you'll find she has the sweetest and happiest of dispositions.

CHICAGO ALUMNÆ. Our delegate is just exactly the right person for the right place! Addie Lane Priest Dorsett graduated from De Pauw in 1891 and always has kept up very active and vital connections with her fraternity.

She was so successful a president of the Chicago alumnae last year that she has been reelected. She is well-versed in the minutiae of technical fraternity matters and policies, and has the broad viewpoint and generous outlook which is capable of offering the wisest guidance and surest help.

Mrs. Dorsett not only knows Kappa Alpha Theta from A to Z; but she is fast becoming a rival to *Baird's Manual*, as chairman of the committee of the newly organized Chicago Panhellenic association which has charge of its first annual banquet, April 14.

Mrs. Dorsett is a woman of charm, tact, and personality. Haven't you known women who always seem able to say the right thing at the right time—well, that's Mrs. Dorsett.

EVANSTON ALUMNÆ.

MADISON ALUMNÆ. Mary Van Rensselaer Buell is to represent the chapter at convention. Although Mary is one of the younger alumnae she is the possessor of a Master's degree as well as a Bachelor's and is now well on her way toward her Ph.D. in chemistry. She is the daughter of a Theta and has two Theta sisters so our Theta interests are well placed in her hands.

TWIN CITIES ALUMNÆ. To the Thetas who attended the 1915 convention, Ethel Ridgway Fowler will be no stranger. Instead of clinging to the Minnesota delegation on that delightful trip, she lunched and dined with or called on groups from other states until she had made the acquaintance of a large proportion of the convention personnel.

This same capacity for initiative has been characteristic of her whole fraternity career, being especially helpful to the board supervising Upsilon's chapter house. She has the unique honor of managing the house finances for two years and clearing enough profit to restock the silver and china supplies.

DISTRICT III

DISTRICT PRESIDENT. Mrs. Eugenie Rounsavell Overturf, *see* January issue, p. 151.

ETA. Mary J. Tinsman, '19, is our delegate. When we were racking our brains for ways to earn money for our new house, Mary J. whose home is in Ann Arbor turned her energy, enthusiasm, and business acumen into baking ginger and sugar cookies. Packing them daintily in her big basket she brought them to the house and to the dormitories to be eagerly devoured by hungry girls. Her brother is a good salesman, too, for he drummed up trade in his fraternity house. Altogether Mary J.'s cookies are quite famous. Mary J. is medium height, has brown hair and brown eyes, and lovely coloring. When you know her you'll love her as we do.

MU. Janet Simcox is our delegate. She is a jolly all-round girl, always ready for anything. We who were at camp with Janet last summer will not soon forget her contagious laugh which no one can resist. But Janet also has a serious side, being such a good student as to be making her degree in three and a half years. At convention you will find her jolly, lovable, and altogether dependable.

ALPHA GAMMA. We felt that we could not decide upon just one delegate, when so many members were worthy that honor. So we chose two delegates, Marjorie Dean and Corinne Putnam, the latter to be spokesman. The chapter will pay half the expense of each of its delegates. Corinne and Marjorie each have a very distinct personality, which will speak for her at convention, where they are both sure to make many friends.

ALPHA TAU. When you meet her at convention, don't be deceived by her demure manners and soft, southern accent; Warwick Black is a typical Cincinnatian, or she would not have been unanimously elected to represent us at Charlevoix. She is a little live wire, and wears a head under her hat.

Warwick has been an active and prominent member of the class of 1918, as may be seen from her membership on the Junior Prom committee this year. She has contrived to absorb more and more Theta spirit, until now it is with confidence and pride that Alpha Tau presents her as its representative.

ALPHA OMEGA. Margaretta Weber.

CINCINNATI ALUMNÆ. Mary Elizabeth Cellarius.

CLEVELAND ALUMNÆ. We certainly hope every one of you will meet our "Dr. Kate" and we have reason to believe that you will. We can not imagine being in the same hotel with her for a matter of days, without knowing her. She can no more be ignored than can a cool, vigorous breath-taking breeze—that is really what she is.

She is a doctor—a real M.D.—for after acquiring Thetaship and an A.B. at Wooster she graduated in medicine at Michigan. A certain Mr. Harris, however, cut short her career and she now is mistress of a lovely home.

COLUMBUS ALUMNÆ. Mrs. Mabel Moore Taft entered Ohio State university in 1909. Two years later she moved to Toledo where she entered the Law Kindergarten training school. In 1913 she was married and returned to Columbus to live, where she has ever since been a member of Columbus alumnæ. She has been treasurer and corresponding secretary of the chapter and as delegate to convention she is looking forward to meeting many Thetas.

DETROIT ALUMNÆ. Bertha Ballard chosen delegate to convention by Detroit alumnæ, will be remembered by many who attended

convention at Gearhart. Tall, dark, active, and full of enthusiasm for anything she enters into, she would not be easily forgotten. Her individuality challenges and holds the attention of those with whom she comes in contact. She is straightforward and athletic, full of wit and good fun, with a hearty laugh which arouses interest and radiates good comradeship.

PITTSBURGH ALUMNÆ. Belle Bartholemew Pratt graduated from Allegheny, and was one of the "senior ten" who represented the 1898 class on the commencement programme. Soon after her graduation she was married to W. H. Pratt, an attorney of Pittsburgh. They have four sons, and these have been her career. Mrs. Pratt is a charter member of the Pittsburgh alumnae, in which organization she is a most enthusiastic worker, and which has laid on her this year the responsibility for the raising of its contribution to the scholarship fund.

DISTRICT IV

DISTRICT PRESIDENT: Anna S. Ward, *see* January issue, p. 153.

IOTA. Katherine Rodgers.

LAMBDA. We were a bit previous in electing our convention delegate, for by the time the requirements had been read in chapter meeting, Bessie Reynolds '18 was already studying railroad maps and could trace the curve from Burlington to Charlevoix with her eyes shut. But those requirements fitted her, had to fit since she was Lambda's choice for chapter president. On the campus she is recognized by her black hair and her ever present smile. Among busy people she is known by her regular appearance on the honor list and in the Young Women's Christian association cabinet picture, by her "Have you paid your athletic dues?" and by the delicious cakes she bakes when earnest work is over.

SIGMA. In sending Winifred Simpson '18 as our delegate, we feel that Sigma will be worthily represented. Winifred is over medium height, and has light brown curly hair, and the most innocent blue eyes in the world. Her manner is grave, and she is one of those gifted persons who can tell a joke without being convulsed herself before she reaches the point.

In college activities Winifred has concentrated her energies upon sports, and has won great renown as a hockey player. About her accomplishments our delegate is very modest, and will probably try to give you the impression that she is a very ordinary sort of person. But don't believe her, for we know better.

CHI. Our delegate is Kathryn Willis '19, from Chatham, Virginia. Before entering Syracuse Kathryn spent one year at William Smith college. She is majoring in design in Fine arts college and

has done splendid work. Kathryn is a member of Illustrators' club, an organization of students in painting and design, and she is also the Fine arts representative in the sophomore women's organization where she is a prominent worker. She is interested in Women's league and athletics, particularly swimming and tennis. "Kay" is faithful and dependable in any work for the chapter.

BURLINGTON ALUMNÆ. Miss Isham, after three years in the University of Vermont, received the degree of Ph.B. and was initiated into Phi Beta Kappa in 1886. Nearly all the years since leaving college have been spent in teaching. A year of study, a European tour, and two extended tours in our own country have varied academic life. For seventeen years Miss Isham was preceptress of Goddard seminary, Barre, Vermont. She now teaches in the Burlington high school. Her outside interests have ever been in the line of club and community life.

SYRACUSE ALUMNÆ. Lola E. Lowther.

TORONTO ALUMNÆ.

DISTRICT V

DISTRICT PRESIDENT: Marie Davis, *see* January issue, p. 154.

KAPPA. Kappa decided to reward Margaret Hodder for her faithfulness to Theta, and elect her delegate. For Margaret is an all-round girl. She is a Theta daughter and a Theta sister and has known Theta ideals all her life. She has carried these ideals into her college work—and has won a place for herself on our campus. She is secretary of the Athletic association, a member of the two honorary literary societies, Quill club, and Black Friar dramatic club. For two years she has represented Theta in Panhellenic and is ably qualified to represent Kappa at convention.

RHO. We have chosen as our delegate Mary Helen Allensworth of Lincoln. She is a sophomore who is always a welcome comrade with the girls.

ALPHA IOTA. District V conventionites will remember Etta Reller, the pretty, jolly little frosh from Alpha Iota. As summer rushing captain, she worked with grit and determination to make Theta entertainments the best on the rushees' engagement list, and she succeeded. Her cheerful disposition and willingness for hard work were tested throughout the year by numerous jobs. In her college work, Etta shows the same sincerity. She gained admission to Thyrsus, the dramatic society, this year and takes the lead in the next monthly performance. In stature small, in complexion dark, with big blue eyes and an irresistible smile, you will know her.

ALPHA MU. When you begin to talk about "K," you think lots of things but usually you end by saying only "she is a peach."

Our "K" is interested in things out-of-doors, girls' camps, gardening, et cetera. She has charge of a playground at home during the summer. At the university she is secretary of her class, and for two years a member of Women's council.

Her manner is quiet; but she has a wonderful smile; one that just shouts friendship; and, as her hand-shake indicates, after you know her you'll find she is sincere, thoughtful, likeable, and full of fun. Oh yes! her name really is Katharine Haston.

ALPHA RHO. Juliet Lien.

ALPHA UPSILON. Our delegate is Sue Louise Bell. Not only is Sue Louise our conception of an ideal Theta—democratic, a good student, interested in such college activities as Dramatic club, French club, and Girls' dancing club, but she has a pleasing personality and a tendency to make friends.

Ever since the election of Sue Louise to the responsible position of delegate, there has been a notable change in her—she wanders around the campus and house with a rather vacant look, muttering to herself. However, on coming nearer, one discovers it is no secret incantation that Sue is murmuring, but merely the chapter roll so that she may know accurately where all other delegates are from.

KANSAS CITY ALUMNÆ. Sarah Morrison.

LINCOLN ALUMNÆ. Allow me to present our delegate, Helen Laws Avery. She was raised a Theta, having two older sisters in the fold, and was initiated in 1904. After her sophomore year she married James Herbert Avery, Φ Δ Θ. Since 1913, when the office was created, she has been Rho's alumna adviser. Rho was greatly pleased that her alumna delegate to Panhellenic council—this same Helen Avery—was elected by that body to serve on its Advisory board. This Board, being composed of the Dean of women, three Faculty women, and two Panhellenic delegates, it was flattering to have Theta's delegate chosen to serve two years. Lincoln alumnae could not have chosen a delegate better equipped with tact and enthusiasm.

OMAHA ALUMNÆ.

ST. LOUIS ALUMNÆ. Mrs. Margaret Philbrook Neff.

TOPEKA ALUMNÆ. It was by an enthusiastic, unanimous vote that Charlotte M. Leavitt was chosen to represent Topeka alumnae at Charlevoix. Miss Leavitt is head of the department of English at Washburn college. But even that comprehensive title does not tell of all her work, for she has an active interest in all college affairs. When there are problems to be solved within Alpha Upsilon, some one generally asks, "Well, what does Miss Leavitt think about it?" And her opinion is highly respected too, for she gives much time and thought to whatever either the college or alumnae chapter may be interested in.

VERMILION ALUMNÆ.

DISTRICT VI

DISTRICT PRESIDENT: Mrs. Helen Green Cross, *see* January issue, p. 155.

OMICRON. Not yet elected.

PHI. Margery Curry! How much the name means to us! It means a tall, attractive, auburn-haired girl, with a smile which wins all. A girl, whose eyes snap with enthusiasm, one who is always doing something with the vim and thoroughness that brings successful results. A girl who can be dignified or undignified as the occasion demands. A frank, earnest, good-hearted Western leader of girls, a true sister to the underclassmen, the guardian of chapter Phi, known not only to us, but to the whole Stanford campus.

OMEGA. Anyone who visits Omega between dinner and quarter-to-eight in the evening, will be sure to see our delegate, Margaret House, seated at the piano, playing in just the time that suits the diverse tastes of all the dancers. "Margie" does everything in a quiet, steady way that pleases every one. She takes the trouble to tell you nice things that other people would leave unsaid, and she always talks with a smile that turns readily into an attractive laugh. "Margie" has a cordial greeting for every one she meets. She is more interested in others than in herself, and is always ready to be sympathetic and helpful. Anyone looking for cheer and comfort should dash up the stairs to Margie House's little room on the third floor. Our delegate is the kind of girl who does a great many things well. She is very fond of tennis, she sings and plays the guitar too.

LOS ANGELES ALUMNÆ. For a number of years you have been hearing Ray Hanna's name in connection with the Scholarship fund. It is she who, for four years, has so competently performed the rather intricate task of financial secretary.

At convention you shall meet her; tall and quiet in manner with twinkling brown eyes and a way of keeping her peace until her time comes to speak, and then talking right to the point. It is this quality, perhaps, which has made her such a valuable member of Los Angeles alumnae since she returned from Stanford in 1911 and which lies back of her remarkable success as a teacher of history in one of the largest of Los Angeles high schools.

SAN FRANCISCO ALUMNÆ. Jessie Watson.

DISTRICT VII

DISTRICT PRESIDENT: Amy Baker, *see* January issue, p. 156.

ALPHA BETA. Elizabeth Andrews is our delegate, and a fine one she will make, too. She is a junior and prominent among her

classmates as well as among all other students. Besides having taken an active part in athletics, student government, and college settlement, Elizabeth has been kept busy with Alpha Beta's correspondence for the past year. She is thus well informed on national Theta matters as well as on chapter and college matters. She is a good talker and a good mixer and we hope you all may meet her at convention.

ALPHA DELTA. Let me introduce to you our delegate, Flora Winkelman '18. We feel sure you'll be as glad to know her as we are to send her to represent Alpha Delta.

ALPHA KAPPA. G. Evelyn Kingsley.

BETA BETA. Because editors were instructed to write one hundred word sketches of convention delegates, I must write one of myself. My home is in Little Rock, Arkansas. At Randolph-Macon. I have been trying for the greater part of three years to be a student that is interested in all college activities. Furthermore, I am a charter member of Beta Beta and a loyal and enthusiastic Theta. A hint as to my personal appearance: I am a blonde and not inclined to be very slender. I can easily be recognized at Charlevoix by a broad smile that I will have, just because I am there.

BALTIMORE ALUMNÆ. Esther Donnelly Smith (Mrs. Robert Tynes, Jr.) our delegate is an initiate of Psi, having graduated from Wisconsin in 1902. In 1905 she married Robert Tynes Smith, Jr. of Baltimore, also 1902 at Wisconsin and a member of Phi Gamma Delta. Since her marriage Esther has lived in Baltimore, and has been one of the most active members of the alumnae chapter, also taking a very deep interest in Alpha Delta. In spite of having two very attractive young sons to take much of her time there seems to be always a moment left for Kappa Alpha Theta.

BOSTON ALUMNÆ. We feel that Laura Merrill is especially fitted to represent us as she is a charter member and knows all the old and new members of the chapter. She is full of enthusiasm, always ready to do more than her share. She became a Theta at the University of Minnesota. Since, she has studied at Simmons college and is now finishing two years' work at Radcliffe which, to use her own words, will at last give her a degree. Having spent seven years at three different colleges, a degree and a senior's cap and gown loom large on life's horizon just now.

NEW YORK ALUMNÆ. Mrs. Gipsy Robinson Kimball.

PHILADELPHIA ALUMNÆ. Elizabeth Keller, familiarly known as "Betty," graduated from Swarthmore in 1913. As her home is not far from Swarthmore, she has kept in touch with Alpha Beta. She is president of Philadelphia alumnae and held that much-prized office for Alpha Beta in her senior year at college. Betty has that elusive but greatly desirable quality known as personal magnetism combined with decided efficiency.

PROVIDENCE ALUMNÆ. Ethel G. Westcott.

DISTRICT VIII

DISTRICT PRESIDENT: Mrs. Alice Rankin Gafford, *see* January issue, p. 156.

ALPHA THETA. Sophia Hudson, our choice as delegate, is competent to represent Alpha Theta and the University of Texas in each and every phase and activity. Sophia is well-liked by every one, for her wholesomeness and congeniality, being interested in almost every phase of college activity. Having Theta interest as constantly at heart as she has, we feel sure that we will be well represented, and that it will be a pleasure for Thetas of other chapters to know her.

ALPHA OMICRON. A delegate should be a clear-headed, quick-minded, and loyal girl; one, above all, to whom the chapter is willing to trust its business. With this aim in view we have chosen Margaret Archdeacon for our delegate. In appearance she is tall, light complexioned, and alert, with a capable manner, and a wholesome atmosphere about her. She is thoroughly active in many college activities; a member of student council, president of Young Women's Christian association and a straight "A" student. Furthermore she is capable of bringing to us the convention inspiration and progress; so we will anxiously await her return from Charlevoix.

ALPHA PHI. She is the kind of whom old ladies say, "Was just like that when I was a girl." She's noisy and amusing and has more pep than any girl in the chapter. To show how much we think of Evangeline Magruder's personality and attractiveness, we made her rushing captain for next year. As to looks, she is rather tall, has brown hair, blue eyes, fair skin. She has a slow way of talking; you think she has not listened or else has nothing to say, then suddenly she comes out with some apt suggestion. Her smile is mighty friendly, it makes you feel as if you are her best and oldest friend.

AUSTIN ALUMNÆ. Anna Wood Simonds, *see* January issue, p. 157.

NORMAN-OKLAHOMA CITY ALUMNÆ. Marian Stuart Brooks is a daughter of the president of the University of Oklahoma. After finishing her freshman year at Smith college, Marian came to the university in 1912, and was initiated by Alpha Omicron in December of the same year. At her graduation from the university January, 1915, she was one of the organizers of the Theta alumnae club, and was a charter member when that club became the Norman-Oklahoma City alumnae chapter.

Since graduation she has finished the training for a Young Women's Christian association secretary, but at present is at home,

finishing the work for a master's degree from the University of Oklahoma.

DISTRICT IX

DISTRICT PRESIDENT: Estelle Riddle Dodge, *see* January issue, p. 158.

ALPHA LAMBDA. At a Theta house-party when I was a rushee, the daily boat had just arrived, and left a girl whom all hailed as Gladys Easterbrook. In a few minutes I found myself shaking hands with a brown haired, blue-eyed, smiling girl, and bewildered rushee that I was, felt the sincerity of her cordial greeting and happy face need never be doubted. This is Alpha Lambda's delegate to convention. We are all very proud of Gladys just elected to Tolo, honorary club for junior and senior women. She is very active in Women's league, Young Women's Christian association, athletics, and is a member of the Junior Prom and Cadet Ball committees this year.

ALPHA NU. Beth Barrows, more familiarly known as "Betty Bobs," will represent Alpha Nu. "Betty Bobs" has curly brown hair, a wonderfully radiant smile, and eyes that simply dance. She never worries about people doing the right thing, she just trusts them so implicitly that it would be impossible for them to do anything else. Betty has a wise, practical little head. So it has been she, gaily tripping along, unconscious of her great influence, who has lead us safely through a critical year. Because she has meant so much to us of all that is best, we are naturally anxious to give other Thetas an opportunity to know her.

ALPHA XI. Erma Keithley is a small dark girl with large brown eyes and a deep voice. She has a pleasant personality, and is popular on our campus as she has a smile for every one. Erma is very active in student affairs, is our vice-president elect, and is one of the leaders in rushing and house affairs.

ALPHA SIGMA. Dena Whiteman.

PORTLAND ALUMNÆ.

PULLMAN ALUMNÆ. Our Grace Coulter is small in stature, as is becoming the delegate from a comparatively new and small chapter. But in this minute home economics instructor, are such qualities as are rarely combined in one human being. It is Grace who comes to our rescue in the kitchen, and works for a whole day making a rushing party a success, when the cook has gone on a strike. Nor is it just in the kitchen that she shines. She is the kind of Theta, who was prominent in all sorts of college activities, was president of her chapter, when in college, and is now managing the campaign for a new house for Alpha Sigma.

SEATTLE ALUMNÆ. Agnes Lovejoy Shannon is our choice for delegate to convention. She graduated from Alpha Lambda in 1912 and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, when a charter was granted to the University of Washington. If you could see her lovely home, her two adorable children, Molly and Billy, and last but not least, her equally nice husband, you'd never believe she was a Latin *Shark* when she was in college.

SPOKANE ALUMNÆ. Inis S. Williams.

TACOMA ALUMNÆ. Elma Leonard Macpherson (Mrs. Wallace) Alpha Lambda, ex-'16, will represent Tacoma alumnae at convention. Mrs. Macpherson is at present making her home in Detroit, Michigan, but she expects to be back in Tacoma to tell Tacoma Thetas all about convention this summer.

POETS, ATTENTION

Nothing is easier than to direct other people about what they should write. It is no trouble at all to say, "Put in a bit of pathos here," or "Inject a bit of humor into this," as if they were things one could go down cellar and get out of a barrel. And yet after all, perhaps that man on shore will get a better view of the boat-race than the sailors who are in it, and the workman who lays the railway tracks, does not need to know how to run the engine which will follow him. So perhaps a few words of advice to the Theta poets who are thinking of the Hymn that the committee wants, will not come amiss.

The real essentials in such a hymn are four; dignity, poetic and unhackneyed language, natural singing phrases, and perfect mechanical construction. It must be dignified, of course, to make it possible. None of us want a cheap or flippant song for the expression of our ideal. Poetic language most of us understand. It is what makes the difference between "I wandered lonely as a cloud," and "I am as lonesome as a puppy-dog," both expressing somewhat the same state of mind. Still, language may be really poetic, and yet be so shop-worn and frayed with much handling as to quite fail of conveying that sense of exquisite thrill which is in the poet's own heart. "The road was white with moonlight along the purple moor," has a singing cadence but it is insipid beside Alfred Noyes' vivid line, "The road was a ribbon of moonlight, over the purple moor."

It is well also, to remember, in writing a song, especially one to be used by untrained voices, that the words themselves should be easy to sing. Do not have a trail of s's hissing across the verse, nor repeated d's and t's standing together like a picket fence. There must be many open vowels, and the words must slide easily and smoothly together if you are to have singing phrases. For this and for the mechanical structure, it is well to read the song or hum it aloud, and

then to get some friend who has not a very keen ear for verse to read it to you. If she stumbles on a line, it probably needs working over.

Just one suggestion about the subject matter: let us try to keep away from the idolatrous personification which is so common in fraternity songs, especially in those of the women's fraternities. It is a foolish habit which has given rise to much criticism.

Surely there is something even more poetic in the thought of this loving service and loyalty to one another, this broad and far sweeping friendship, so keen and fine that it approaches the ties of blood. We girdle the earth with the clasped hands of fellowship and faith. And each year groups of eager-hearted girls bloom into Thetahood and begin to weave into the pattern of their lives the same ideals which are woven into our own.

Come, poets, the garden is full of pansies—for thoughts. Chant us a hymn for Theta.

Clara Lynn Fitch

A DELEGATE!

Imagine, if you can, an unsophisticated and unknown junior suddenly raised to the dignity of convention delegate! A junior whose Theta acquaintances were limited to the active members of her own chapter, a few alumnae, and an occasional glimpse of District president and the Grand council.

Now imagine this same little local Theta suddenly transported to the campus of the University of Minnesota in the midst of three hundred sisters, from everywhere. The sight of so many overwhelmed our little junior to the point of silence. And then she began to meet them. The special train and the real *knowing* of them followed soon and this was after all the real joy of convention.

To know so many girls who were meeting the same obstacles, solving the same problems in the striving toward the same ideals; to profit by their experience and to feel that they were profiting by yours—that was *convention*.

And if this happened to one Theta at last convention it can happen to any Theta this June.

Margaret Mumford

THE DELEGATE'S TEN COMMANDMENTS

- I. Know thy "constituency."
- II. Have the constitution graven upon thy heart.
- III. Remember that good of the fraternity-at-large, not personal or chapter interests, should be at stake.
- IV. Let thy opinions be unbiased.
- V. Fear not to voice the sentiments of thy chapter and to vote accordingly.
- VI. Be thou attentive, not voting blindly.
- VII. Let your no, be no, and your yes, be yes.
- VIII. Lose not sight of the essentials in dealing with numerous details.
- IX. Be thou sure that each measure voted for is the true sentiment of the many, rather than the imposed view of the few.
- X. "Love thy neighbor as thyself."—K K K *Cross Keys*.

ANTICIPATIONS OF CONVENTION DAYS

Since my visit last summer to the Inn at Charlevoix-the-Beautiful, fascinating pictures of the convention we are to hold there in June often come to me. First, I see a long special train filled with Thetas and I hear their exclamations of delight as, after having seen for some hours the greenish waters of Lake Michigan, they suddenly catch a first glimpse of Blue Pine lake. The train passes the little station of Belvedere which marks one end of the horse-shoe made by the town of Charlevoix, crosses the bridge over the waters that join Pine lake to Lake Michigan, and stops at the main station of Charlevoix, the other end of the horse-shoe. The girls crowd happily from the train and hurry up the gentle slope of a small park to the broad steps of the Inn.

They do not stop then to enjoy the wide porches but enter immediately the large attractive office of the hotel. Even in their happy excitement I picture them as stopping a moment at the door to admire that long luxurious room. From its center, as in an ocean liner, wide stairs start upwards, divide, and then lead around to the circular writing-room which forms a sort of balcony to the lobby. On the second and third floors long halls run the length of the hotel with bedrooms on either side of them. Half of the rooms look out on Pine lake; from the other half one can catch beyond the intervening cottages and hotels a glimpse of Lake Michigan. The bedrooms are small, but the manager told me so much of the extreme comfort, double box-springs, et cetera, of the beds that I fear we shall have to devise some elaborate system to get our Thetas out of them mornings. Those of you who have attended either of the last two conventions will rejoice particularly in the fact that the rooms of the Charlevoix Inn are nearly all arranged two or three en suite with a bathroom. Then, too, we are to have the use of the hotel swimming-pool where the cold waters of Pine lake will be sufficiently moderated in temperature to make bathing both safe and enjoyable. No one will have an excuse to call this convention, as someone did the one at Gearhart, "The great unwashed."

As another picture of the first day I see the girls scattering in groups to explore the other parts of the hotel or the park, and then rushing to the stairs leading down from the office in answer to someone's excited cry, "Have you seen that dear Dutch room?" The only appropriate accompaniment to the quaint furnishings of this Dutch room would be huge steins of foaming beer, but Charlevoix is a strictly prohibition town, and I imagine anyway that we shall be better pleased with the tall glasses of lemonade or ginger ale that can be ordered there.

It will be time for the first session of convention almost before we realize, and so the next picture I see is of girls walking through a

covered passage-way or, more likely, sauntering through the park, on their way to the detached ballroom of the Inn where convention sessions are to be held. The hotel orchestra will not be needed for the sessions, but we shall doubtlessly find frequent opportunity to avail ourselves of Manager Creamer's kind promise that we may have music whenever we want it. The ballroom is nearly square, not over large but with comfortable space for all. Those who are to take part in the stunts will welcome especially the two dressing-rooms that flank the stage. I try sometimes to picture the stunt-party we shall enjoy there one evening, but my imagination is unable to cope with Alpha Tau ingenuity.

One of the best times for becoming better acquainted with each other during a convention is while we eat, and the attractive dining-room of the Inn will be a favorite meeting-place for us all. I like to picture it as it will look the evening of the banquet. Thetas, gay in their evening dresses, will be sitting at the many tables, all happy in the spirit of the occasion and enjoying the songs and toasts and stunts which in this large rectangular room all should be able to see and hear. The banquet-scene is perhaps the brightest picture of the many, because this last gathering of the convention always marks the climax of our happy days together.

The convention hours will be busy ones but still there should be some time in the afternoons for explorations among the many fascinating little shops in the main section of Charlevoix, for short trips to the other resorts in the neighborhood, or for exercise in the form of golf, horse-back riding, or boating on Pine lake. There are so many attractions in and around Charlevoix that all of us will want to stay longer than the time allotted for convention, and many, I hope, will plan to do so.

To make these pictures of my fancy yours in reality in June and your chapter's in the memories of convention that you can carry home to them, you must include a visit to Charlevoix-the-Beautiful in your vacation plans. Come join the Thetas who will assemble by Pine lake early in the summer, and help us to make Kappa Alpha Theta's twenty-second convention the very best one that she has ever held!

Hope Davis Mecklin

The always present ultra-conservative chapter. It reasons *a priori*. The one irrevocable and unalterable thing in its cosmos is its conclusion; if the logic and facts do not fit that conclusion, why so much the worse for logic and facts.—*Banta's Greek Exchange* (adapted).

Stunt Night!

this famous production

Bigger and Better than Ever

Several telling new features
see the

Theta Babies

in their

Maiden Effort!!

portrays

The playful gambols of our innocent infants

also

All Your Old Favorites

in

Famous Scenes and Familiar Sounds

("Do You Hear the Old Cat Calling from the Fence?")

One word of caution

Don't { crowd
chew gum during the performance
throw anything whatsoever at the performers
leave the gate open

and

Don't Miss It!!!

WITH THE EDITOR

WE ARE HAPPY to announce an error in the Scholarship table in the March issue. Alpha Tau's rank should be first, not second as given. The error was made in the Registrar's office at the University of Cincinnati and has been discovered and corrected only recently.

REJOICING, NUMBER TWO. Too late for the chapter letter to give the news, six members of Psi have been elected to Phi Beta Kappa at the University of Wisconsin. They are—Mary Ashby and Ruth Chase, seniors; and Dorothy Bell, Helen Buell, Marjorie Kinnan, and Mildred Sprague, all juniors.

AND BEST OF ALL, as these lines are written twenty-two members of Alpha Rho at the University of Southern California are being pledged to Kappa Alpha Theta. Their long and persistent work for a Theta charter has been successful and we cordially welcome them to our fraternity. Not only do they bring their strength to our roll but they restore to the active chapter roll Omicron, the pioneer Pacific coast chapter, whose members have for many years been the very center of our great Los Angeles alumnae chapter. A wonderful Theta record and inspiration this new-old chapter falls heir to in the alumnae who led the way for the fraternity across the Rockies—that the new Omicron will prove a worthy successor and its members equally loyal we have no doubt. Welcome to you Omicron!

A WARNING. Recalling what a poor prophet we proved in our "bring your wraps" slogan for the Glacier National park excursion of last convention, we are loathe to assume again the rôle of prophet. But our Michigan friends tell us it *must* be done, so we stand to take the joshing if it isn't true—that June is not a hot month in Northern Michigan; in fact there are no *hot* months in that region, only delightful "warm weather" if you trust the natives to boom honestly their land. At any rate, nothing so dampens enthusiasm as a chilly crowd, so come prepared to keep warm, also to swim and ride horse-back, if those activities appeal to you. Now clothes are a very minor consideration in convention plans, convention is no dress parade, but while you will be welcome under all conditions, you will be most welcome if your wardrobe is sufficiently heavy, or light, to insure your physical comfort no matter how the climate behaves during that happy week at Charlevoix.

ON TIME. That is the slogan of both editor and printer for this issue—something we have not attained once this year. And so, if the letter you wrote for this issue, the picture you sent of your delegate, or some other just-for-this-issue copy isn't in these pages, it is because we can't be on time and keep sending along "late copy."

While we are sorry to omit any of this material, we are aware that if it hadn't been late it would have occupied space we think is well filled with other copy. And you have no idea how tantalizing it is to have at hand a galaxy of important articles which have to be omitted because 96 pages will hold only so many words. Shall convention authorize a larger magazine?

ACHIEVEMENT. For the first time in the experience of the present editor, we close a volume of our magazine with a perfect record so far as college chapter letters go. Thirty-nine letters in each issue of volume 31, and only two telegrams or second notices sent all the year. Thank you Editors: you have set some standard for your successors.

IN MEMORIAM

MAUD VAN ZANDT DAVIS

Maud Van Zandt Davis of Bloomington, Indiana, A B, Indiana university, 1888, member of Beta chapter, Kappa Alpha Theta, was taken from us on January 12, 1917.

Her brief illness was due to pneumonia, contracted on the occasion of a visit to her brother, fatally ill from the same disease.

Maud Van Zandt was born in Bloomington and educated in the public schools of that city, graduating from the preparatory department at that time maintained by the university. She was pledged to Kappa Alpha Theta when in "Prep" as was then the custom, entered the university in 1884, and graduated therefrom in the class of 1888.

Maud Van Zandt was the kind of girl a fraternity would like to consider as typical. She possessed the rare combination of beauty and brilliancy, and to these graces united an unusual charm that was the real secret of her popularity.

After her graduation, she taught several years, and then became the wife of Dr. Louis Sherman Davis of the chemical department of Indiana university. In her new position, Maud fulfilled the promise of her youth; a devoted wife and mother, she not only looked well to the ways of her household, but found time for those without her gates. Innumerable interests claimed her—home, school, church, the fraternity, but she possessed the rare faculty of balancing her time, a fine sense of proportion that enabled her to allot to each the proper service, neglecting none.

As the wife of a member of the faculty, she made the interests of the university, her interests; the Presbyterian church with which she had been affiliated from childhood, recognized her as one of its most loyal and active workers; and the Beta chapter girls knew her

personally as an alumna who really cared for them and understood their needs.

This wide range of interests, this genuine human sympathy, a quick wit, and keen appreciation and enjoyment of all pleasures, great and small, combined to make her a woman nobly planned, to warm, to comfort, and command. That she was felt to be such, was testified to by the crowds that gathered at the church to pay tribute to her memory on the day that she was laid to rest.

SUSAN MOSES GRAHAM

"Susan Williams Moses Graham, the wife of Edward Kidder Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, died on December 22 at her home in Chapel Hill, after a seven weeks' illness of a complication of diseases. Mrs. Graham was a daughter of Edward Pearson Moses and was born at Goldsboro, North Carolina. She studied for three years at the University of North Carolina and in 1902 entered Cornell university, where she took the B.A. degree in 1903 and the M.A. degree in 1904 and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She played the title rôle in a performance of *Trelawney of the wells* which The Masque gave. Miss Moses taught Latin and Greek for two years in Newcomb college, New Orleans, and then at Sweet Briar college in Virginia, until her marriage in 1908 to Dr. Graham, who was then professor of English in the University of North Carolina. She leaves a son five years old."

Susan Moses was a loyal member of Iota chapter and one of its most prominent undergraduates of her time. The Chapel Hill paper said "No one in the community was more affectionately regarded both by people of the University and the town than Mrs. Graham. . . she has done much here for civic improvement. . . the students have never failed to find a homelike and congenial atmosphere in the Graham home, where Mrs. Graham always welcomed them."

ELIZABETH MCINTOSH, *Alpha*

"On June 4, 1916, in Washington, D. C. died Miss Elizabeth, only daughter of Horace P. and Ella C. McIntosh. She was born in Connerville, Indiana, at the home of her grandparents. Her father being a naval officer, her childhood was spent in Washington, D. C., California, and Japan. When she was twelve years of age she was placed at school with her brother, in Indianapolis; and four years later graduated with honors at Shortridge high school, and immediately entered De Pauw university. At her graduation from the university, she was elected a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society; and also joined Kappa Alpha Theta. An interesting feature

of her graduation was the fact that it occurred exactly fifty years after her grandfather, James C. McIntosh, had graduated from the same institution, then called Asbury college. Four of her grandfather's classmates were present at their reunion, and were greatly interested in the young girl who so closely followed her grandfather in his college life. She remained another year at De Pauw for post-graduate work in the languages, and received the degree of Master of Arts, *pro merito*. She was a fine linguist, with a thorough knowledge of several modern languages; and has been of great assistance to her father in his editorial work on *The new age magazine*, translating important articles and letters from Masons in foreign countries, and in many other ways was his companion and helper. Shortly after receiving her A.M. degree, the family joined her father in Chile, and in the two years spent there she formed many lasting friendships among the English and Americans at Valparaiso. She loved children and had a personal charm that attracted them to her; and her work in connection with the C. A. R. was most interesting. With her fine mind, so well trained, she was interested in and had a broad grasp of all the great questions of the day. She had a keen sense and enjoyment of real wit and humor; and yet was thoroughly practical and systematic in all that she undertook. She lived a life of beautiful usefulness; and her memory and that of her example can not die in the hearts of those who knew her."

JULIA R. HUGHES GILBERT, *Beta*

"Mrs. Gilbert, wife of Professor Charles H. Gilbert, and a member of the Stanford community since the opening day, died at her Palo Alto home on November 29. The cause of her death was a blood clot on the brain and she was ill less than a month. Mrs. Gilbert from the time that she came to California was continuously a leader in all enterprises for the social, intellectual, and civic improvement of the community. She was a pioneer in the movement that developed into the Palo Alto public library and was a director on its board until she resigned on account of her health only a few days before her death. She helped to establish the Women's club in Palo Alto and later, as an outgrowth of this, the Civic league, which investigated and reported upon various matters that concern the citizens of Palo Alto. In the campus and Palo Alto campaigns for Belgian relief she naturally became a leader and was made chairman of the local committee in Palo Alto.

Two daughters and a son have attended Stanford, Mrs. Ruth Gilbert Baker '07, of Indianapolis, Mrs. Winifred Gilbert Braun, ex-'08, of San Francisco, and Carl Gilbert '13, a lawyer of Los Angeles."

KATE LANDFAIR ROSENBERY (MRS. MARVIN)

Mrs. Rosenberry died in Madison, Wisconsin, on January 26, 1917, after a very brief illness. Mrs. Rosenberry was a charter member at the revival of Eta chapter, attending the University of Michigan in 1892-93.

She had been living in Madison only about a year, since the appointment of her husband as a Justice of the Wisconsin state Supreme court.

Madison alumnæ writes, "She was a most loyal Theta and always came to our meetings. Those of us who knew her will miss her greatly."

FRANCES CAFLISCH DELLING

With deepest sorrow Chi announces the death of one of her most beloved members, Frances Caffisch Delling '16 who, with six members of her family, was killed in the Pennsylvania railroad accident of February 27. While in college she endeared herself to every one because of her loyal participation in all affairs of college life, and her untiring zeal in helping others. As an undergraduate she was active in every project for the betterment of the university and was especially interested in sociological and Young Women's Christian association work. During all four years her influence was felt in every field of activity. It was to her unceasing efforts that much of the success of the last Syracuse Women's day was due, for as chairman of arrangements for that day she showed her ability as an organizer and leader. She was a member of Iota Alpha Mu, the junior society, and of Eta Pi Upsilon, the honorary senior society. During her senior year she was vice-president of her class at the same time that A. Segur Delling, to whom she was married January 4, was president.

Within the fraternity, too, her influence was deeply felt, for it was through her lofty ideals that the lessons of patience and willing service were taught us. In her death Chi loses one whose life was but a reflection of the radiance and joy she gave to all who knew her.

CLARA VIOLA JENKINS KUMMER

Mrs. Alfred Kummer died at Piedmont, California, February 13, 1917. She was a member of Indiana Gamma chapter, graduating A.B. from Moore's Hill college, 1871.

RECESSIONAL

Fare thee well, O festal night,
 Smile thou on our rejoicing;
 Secret as the vows we plight,
 And shining with starry light!
 Time will echo mirth and tears,
 Again our vespers voicing—
 Sweet refrain down all the years
 To bless each one who hears!
 O dear fraternity
 Give us thy benediction,
 O dear fraternity,
 Hallow our hearts to thee,
 And gladden our eyes with thee,
 And gladden our eyes with thee.
 Ah!

Fare thee well, O festal night,
 Smile thou on our rejoicing,
 Secret as the vows we plight,
 And shining with starry light!
 Secret and shining night, Ah!
 Smile thou on our rejoicing,
 Festal night! Oh, fare thee well.
 Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Alpha Theta!
 Farewell, farewell to thee, farewell!

—*Barcarolle from Tales of Hoffman.*

Pere Marquette passenger trains leave terminals as follows:
 Chicago: Grand Central station, Harrison st. and 5th av.
 Detroit: Union depot, Fort and 3rd sts.
 Toledo: Union station
 Grand Rapids: Union station

THE CASE FOR THE DEFENSE

A Study of the Cost of Living in Women's Fraternity Houses at the University of Washington

BY ETHEL HUNLEY COLDWELL, *Dean of Women*

By courtesy, from *The Crescent* of Gamma Phi Beta, March 1917

Such a bitter warfare has been waged against the woman's fraternity and such is the hostility throughout the state of Washington at the so-called extravagance of the Greek-letter organizations that before I had been a year at the State university I was moved to begin an investigation of the cost of living in chapter houses. In accordance with this plan and assisted by certain university women who were interested in the problem, I formulated and sent out the following questionnaire:

Questionnaire on Expenses of Women's Fraternities

"This investigation is being conducted at the request of President Suzzallo in order that specific information may be available for answering the arguments constantly made against Greek-letter organizations.

"The person making the report is requested to present her reply at the regular chapter meeting before returning it to the office of the Dean of women.

GENERAL EXPENSES

What is your initiation fee?

ANNUAL EXPENSES

1. What assessment is made for extra rushing expenses?
2. What assessment is made for extra entertaining?
3. What is the cost per plate of the annual banquet?
4. What are your national sorority dues for each member?
5. What is the average cost of assessments levied for outside activities? (Subscriptions to university magazines, trip of band to California, and such items.)
6. What is the price of the subscription to your chapter magazine?
7. What sum does each member subscribe as a gift to the house at Christmas?

MONTHLY EXPENSES

1. What is the cost to resident members for board and room?
2. What are the monthly dues?
3. What are the expenses of town members for:
 - A. Upkeep of house?
 - B. Meals taken in house?
 - C. Night's lodging in house?

If the chapter has a special fund for purchasing new furniture, china, silver, glass, etc., or for repairs, please specify the amount *per capita* for:

1. Purchases
2. Repairs."

The results were tabulated from the replies, which were listed by numbers assigned to the various chapters, by Miss Catherine Montgomery, a research student whose discretion, experience, and scientific spirit insured accuracy. Fifteen houses reported.

GENERAL EXPENSES

What is your initiation fee?	Fifteen houses reported.	
Median	\$28.75	Average \$26.66
Least	\$15.00	Greatest \$35.00

ANNUAL EXPENSES

1. What assessment is made for extra rushing expenses?

Median	\$5.00	Average \$ 4.90
Least	\$2.00	Greatest \$10.00
- Five not given. Four reported "None" and one "A special tax."
2. What assessments were made for extra entertaining?

Median	\$5.50	Average \$5.72
Least	\$3.50	Greatest \$8.50

Four reported "None," one "Division of cost," and one "Special tax."

3. What is the cost per plate of the annual banquet?

Median	\$1.50	Average \$1.64
Least	\$1.00	Greatest \$2.25

One reported "Do not have."

4. What are the national sorority dues for each member?

Median	\$4.00	Average \$3.75
Least	\$1.00	Greatest \$7.00

One not given.

5. What is the average cost of assessments levied on the chapter for the outside activities? (Subscriptions to magazines, trips to California, and such items.)

Median	\$1.75	Average \$10.60
Least	\$.25	Greatest \$37.00

Two reported "Chapter dues," one "None" and one not given.

6. What is the price of the subscription to your chapter magazine?

Median	\$1.00	Average \$1.11
Least	\$1.00	Greatest \$1.50

One was for life and was not included; one reported "In national dues," one "Chapter dues," and one "Dues and invested funds."

7. What sum does each member subscribe as a gift to the house at Christmas?

Median	\$.75	Average	\$.75
Least	\$.00	Greatest	\$1.00

Four reported no contribution, three were "Voluntary."

MONTHLY EXPENSES

1. What is the cost to resident members for board and room?

Median	\$26.00	Average	\$26.83
Least	\$23.50	Greatest	\$30.00

2. What are the monthly dues?

Median	\$1.00	Average	\$1.78
Least	\$.78	Greatest	\$5.00

One report was blank.

3. What are the expenses of town members for:

A. Upkeep of house?

Median	\$2.70	Average	\$2.35
Least	\$1.00	Greatest	\$5.00

Three not given and one "Included in dues."

B. Meals taken in house?

Breakfast:

Median	\$.15	Average	\$.18
Least	\$.10	Greatest	\$.35

Two no report.

Lunch:

Median	\$.15	Average	\$.236
Least	\$.20	Greatest	\$.25

Dinner:

Median	\$.30	Average	\$.266
Least	\$.25	Greatest	\$.35

C. Night's lodging in house?

Median	\$.15	Average	\$.17
Least	\$.10	Greatest	\$.25

Twelve reported no charges.

If the chapter has a special fund for the purchasing of new furniture, china, silver, glass, or for repairs, please specify the amount per capita for:

1. Purchases.

Two reported charges of \$.50. Thirteen reported "No charges," or "Provision from other sources."

2. Repairs.

No assessments were made in any of the fifteen houses.

These figures were highly gratifying to the college authorities, inasmuch as they disproved conclusively the general belief that fraternity women necessarily spend a great deal of money. The investigation shows clearly that they need not do so. It is, unfortunately, not so easy to prove that all are frugal. Moreover, it is extremely probable that those who have no surplus money are tempted to extravagance by those who spend unwisely.

My greatest doubt in regard to the accuracy of the replies was in reference to the second and fifth questions under Annual expenses. It is possible that there may have been a desire to minimize the assessments for rushing, for this is an expense item which even the most lenient and well disposed Dean of women will not view with complacency. I am inclined to believe that the exact figures were not at hand and that a hasty estimate proved inadequate. It is a somewhat singular coincidence that the only rushing assessment which I happened to know should have proven to be the maximum.

The remarkable variation in the answers to question five show either lack of understanding of the question or great carelessness in computation. The results in this case are valueless, but they are not of enough importance to alter materially the final results.

Summing up these answers, the investigation found that the median for all yearly expenses per month was \$31.77; the average, \$35.71. The minimum for all yearly expenses per month was \$26.92, and the maximum \$46.42, but since neither could actually occur for the reason that in no case does one house remain consistently either highest or lowest, these figures are unimportant.

It is now about eight months since these reports were made, and as the cost of food and labor has increased materially in that time, it is possible that a survey made now might show a corresponding augmentation. I question whether the average housekeeper who keeps a budget and furnishes a similar quality of food and service, and who heats a large house to a temperature of 60° will be able to prune expenses very much more closely than the students have done. The winter of nineteen hundred and fifteen and sixteen was unusually severe in Seattle, and the bills for fuel were abnormal. The organized groups, moreover, were assessed to an unpardonable degree for every student enterprise which required donations. Since that time an attempt has been made to check the calls for subscriptions and charities, the burden of which should fall equally upon all the students.

The standard of living is not higher than it should be in our chapter houses, and the entertainment furnished is usually of a very simple character. It is but justice that an attempt be made to present the facts in regard to the necessary expenses of the members.

OUR OLYMPIAD

Come, all ye faithful Thetas! Let us plan to make this year's convention a great "get together and get acquainted" meeting. Our place of gathering is so centrally located as to be within easy reach of all. A June holiday in the cool lake breezes of northern Michigan will be the best of all investments. Verily ye shall reap rich dividends of pleasure, enthusiasm, friendship, and a truer knowledge of the work and scope of our fraternity.

As our membership in Kappa Alpha Theta is life long, so a national convention has benefits for alumnæ quite as great as for the college members. We are one family, all traveling the same road, each eager to repay in service a part of our great debt to society. We are doubly conscious that for us, as college women and as Thetas, "Noblesse oblige." At a convention gathering we gain that sense of our larger fellowship and unity, and we dedicate ourselves anew to the achievement of our ideals.

We alumnæ especially need this contact with the inner workings of our organization. Without it the fraternity in its larger aspect is in danger of becoming an abstraction—a mere list of printed names of chapters and Grand council. Theta, like Topsy, has "grewed" amazingly in recent years, and our very size makes for haziness of thought. Convention sheds a flood of much needed light on our rather indefinite and often inaccurate ideas. It gives the magic touch of personality to what was before "without form, and void." At once our Grand council ceases to be a directory of names on the first page of the *Journal*, and becomes a group of real women, each with her own distinctive character and charm. As we come to know these leaders of ours, we realize how much they are giving to the fraternity in loyal, disinterested service, and we find ourselves mentally resolving to do our own more humble part in the same spirit. And so it is with the various chapters. They cease to be mere letters and localities and become very distinct links in our Theta chain. When we have met their members in that delightfully informal atmosphere that reigns over every Theta gathering, and have seen how much in common each chapter has with every other, then and only then, do we begin to understand the true meaning of that much quoted phrase, "the Theta type."

From convention one returns loaded down with the best of all souvenirs—new ideas and enthusiasms and above all, new friendships. Each number of our *Journal* takes on an added interest as we trace the development of projects discussed or begun at convention. We find ourselves eagerly scanning the reports from chapters other than our own with a new feeling of acquaintance and friend-

liness. We look closely through the various chapter personals for news concerning this or that friend we met at convention.

This year especially Theta needs the active cooperation and attendance of her members. Our Country's cause is ours. If dark days are in store for this nation, we shall need to take counsel together as to how best to show our united loyalty to American ideals. Even as the ancient Greeks put aside every other interest, and flocked to their great festival at Olympia, let us make this gathering of 1917 truly representative of the real strength, unity, and spirit of our fraternity.

Detroit Alumnae

DELAYED INITIATION

At Northwestern the university faculty by letters to the fraternities suggested the advisability of requiring a certain number of hours' credit for initiation. The chapter immediately took issue with the suggestion. The writer happened to be appointed as representative to attend the meeting that was held to discuss the proposition. Going there absolutely opposed to the step, he came away a firm advocate of the measure. The matter was thoroughly discussed in the chapter and endorsement given. Five of the nine organizations then on the campus did likewise. Relying on this bare majority, the university passed the rule which has since been adhered to.

The only tangible argument against the adoption of the rule was the fact that the chapter was deprived of the benefit of the financial support of the freshmen for one semester. But the matter of finances, as was pointed out at the time, has been very easily arranged. The freshman was not kept out of the house and paid room rent the same as an active man. Additional financial support was easily secured by levying dues against the pledges.

The working results have been very satisfactory. The membership of the fraternity is often sought after by individuals who plan to spend very little time in the university. Their initiation can be of little advantage, for the benefit which the initiate derives from affiliation with the chapter usually varies in direct ratio with the length of time active connection continues. The converse of the proposition follows logically. The active man can do more for his chapter the longer he is affiliated. There is no better indication of the health of a chapter than a uniform number of its seniors graduating each year.

The wisdom of the rule is apparently attested by its operation in a number of other universities. The average freshman needs supervision and attempts to keep him out of the house, even though pledged, are misguided. Initiation can, on the other hand, be made an incentive to close application which is so essential to the proper start on a college course. The organization, if properly conducted, can smooth the rough places for the man already partly identified with it and constantly emphasize the advantage of full membership. By withholding initiation for one semester, the fraternity can thoroughly judge the man and thus reduce to a minimum the cases in which expulsion becomes necessary.—Σ N Delta.

THE JOYS OF CONVENTION

How eagerly we isolated chapters of the west waited for the "Efficiency" convention train to arrive. Our efficiency expressed itself first in getting acquainted; getting acquainted with all these variations of Theta sisters. There were plump ones and pretty ones and peculiar ones and we wondered who it was that first said there was a Theta type and why they continued to talk about it. Alpha Xi had always objected to the term and we had grounds for the objections. To us a Theta type had always had an artificial meaning. When others said "There is a Theta type" we knew they meant "She looks like a Theta." Gearhart's convention of girls taught us that the term means "She is like a Theta" or "She is a Theta."

Quickly we arrived at the conclusion that here is a Theta type. It is always in our hearts but convention time brings it to the surface. Everybody worked and played for the efficiency of convention from the early morning clam digging jaunts to the final song-fest around our beach fires.

Another thing, the meetings were not what we expected. Most of us had attended conferences of some kind before, as Mothers' club, Confederate clubs of Oregon. We looked forward to meeting girls; we look backward to the sessions. They never became too long, they were thrilling and inspiring. Why was it? Simply this, we knew about the organization and ideals behind each speaker. There may have been some purposeful psychology in having the first part of the first meeting a stunt, but throughout the few days work there was an intense seriousness.

Efficiency! How every one grew to hate the word. But what is a name? It was an efficient convention and it gave to us of the West a national spirit and it's going further, taking some of us to the "Opportunity" convention at Charlevoix. Let every one come prepared to use synonyms for opportunity but never forget our purpose.

CONVENTION DATES

June 26-July 1, 1917

CONVENTION PLACE

The Inn, Charlevoix, Mich.

THE SPECIAL'S ROUTE

Pere Marquette Railroad

Chicago, noon, June 25

Toledo, 11:20 A. M. June 25

Detroit, 1:00 P. M. June 25

Grand Rapids, 10:00 P. M. June 25

CHAPTER NEWS

All year we have rejoiced in the fine chapter letters that have lightened our editorial labors—but this time 'tis another story. Two whole days did it take to edit this lot—the longest time in our experience.

Did your editor commit any of these slips?

Wrote on both sides of the paper—1 editor.

Sent letter so illegible with erasures and blots that it had to be copied in the office—1 editor.

Put no heading on letter—7 editors.

Left no margins on pages—8 editors.

Gave dates in wrong form—7 editors.

Couldn't spell *alumna* correctly—3 editors.

Used the tabooed word *sorority*—2 editors.

Used *school* for *college*—10 editors.

Couldn't spell *Panhellenic* correctly—5 editors.

Sent letter with plain words misspelled—8 editors.

Used slang in letter—2 editors.

Used incorrect grammar—6 editors.

Used *fraternity* where *chapter* was meant—6 editors.

Used other wrong words—7 editors.

Put sketch of delegate in letter instead of sending it separate, as requested—2 editors.

Bits of humor: One editor claimed that one of her chapter's pledges had "the highest scholarship in the fraternity." Fine, if true, but had she verified her statement, as we had no time to do, by checking the records of 39 chapters? One editor credited two colleges with giving stunts before a fraternity luncheon. Another said—"Let me introduce the chapter's delegate, it is" What delegate will prove to be "it?" Again—"250 engraved invitations included the faculty."

O ye old editors, why didn't you coach your successors better? O ye chapters, why haven't you shown the wisdom of last year in the election of new editors? O ye new editors, was it over-enthusiasm, stage fright, or what, that marred your first letters? (And for the sake of absolute truthfulness, we state that some of the worst offenses were committed by experienced editors, who have done excellent work before—grown careless, we suppose, now there is no danger of a recall.)

There has to be a limit on the length of chapter letters if the magazine is to contain them all, to say nothing of other copy. One letter contained over 1100 words and others were almost as verbose, so we had to cut ruthlessly. But to prove that an interesting letter can tell the news within the limit set, we refer you to the letters of Alpha, Iota, Lambda, Mu, Tau, Upsilon, Chi, Psi, Alpha Iota, Alpha Kappa, Alpha Pi, and Alpha Phi, each *printed as received*—the highest praise we can bestow today, because they are as good in context as in form.

For typed letters we thank Alpha, Delta, Lambda, Mu, Tau, Omega, Alpha Eta, Alpha Iota, Alpha Nu, Alpha Xi, Alpha Omicron, Alpha Pi, Alpha Sigma, Alpha Tau, Alpha Upsilon, Alpha Phi, and Alpha Chi.

These remarks refer to college chapter letters only.

ALPHA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY

I wonder if all chapters in the District had the lovely time that Alpha did, at our state luncheon and dance. We simply can not stop talking about it, it was so beautifully planned by the Indianapolis *alumnae*.

Another good time was the "immigration party" given by the Self-government association in the gymnasium, for all of the girls in college. Each girl was dressed as an immigrant and was compelled to be passed upon by the Ellis Island commission, composed of the women of the faculty. A Statute of Liberty bearing a flaming torch, and the refreshments, served in cafeteria style, were interesting features of a unique party.

We are much elated over the success which Dorothy Thomas '16 is making in advertising. She is now responsible for a great part of the advertising of the William H. Block store, one of the largest department stores in Indiana. She recently made an address before

the Advertising association of Indianapolis, with the distinction of being the first woman to speak before the club. At the close of her talk she was voted a member of the club, and since has been asked to address an association at Chicago and a convention in St. Louis.

Alpha has a new pledge to introduce, Mildred Reed. We are also glad that Helen Brosius of Columbus, Ohio, is with us again, after a semester absence because of illness in her home.

The spring festivities are beginning unusually early this year. March 31, the first gymnasium exhibition ever held here will take place. Several Thetas have prominent parts in the dances which will be a feature of the programme. April 20 and 21 will be given over to a carnival for the benefit of the athletic association. Every fraternity will furnish one stunt toward the entertainment. Then, at the close of the year De Pauw celebrates the alumni banquet which occurs every five years, and we want to give a very special invitation to all of our alumnae to come back and help arouse enthusiasm for another great event, our national convention.

29 March 1917

Jessie Gobin

Mary Cagwin, Beta, was recently a week-end guest at the chapter house.

'11 The engagement of Florine Gobin to Robert Burns of San Juan, Porto Rico, has been announced. The wedding will take place late in April.

'11 Anna Avery has been out of college for several weeks because of the ill health of her mother.

BETA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY

On February 20 there was great happiness, for that day we initiated twenty-two splendid girls. We are so glad to have them really Thetas at last! They soon will have the joy of helping initiate Marion Van Natta, Maurine Clevenger, and Frances Farley, pledged this semester.

Indiana university is just recovering from its annual "County Fair." This occasion makes us drop back about ten years and get into the spirit of driving in from the country with mother and father, and with plenty of lunch under the back seat of the surrey. The "County Fair" is given in the Student building, under the auspices of the Young Women's Christian association. Each women's fraternity and some of the dormitories put on a stunt. This year we witnessed a really, truly circus, with a typical country family in a box seat, which Kappa Kappa Gamma gave in regular Ringling style.

Delta Gamma gave a minstrel show and Pi Beta Phi had a darling little tearoom. Delta Zeta led the spectators through this year's *Arbutus*, our college annual, which they published in flesh and blood form. Delta Delta Delta had a very attractive flower booth, to which the customary chamber of horrors and toy balloons gave a real atmosphere. Theta gave a parody on *Uncle Tom's cabin*. The funny songs and the acting were well supported by a first-class darky chorus, and we got the leading write-up in the *Daily student*.

Some weeks ago we had the first of a series of patriotic meetings, as a result about three hundred students are now getting up at all sorts of unearthly hours and hurrying out to the gymnasium to take Military training. Classes in Red Cross nursing are being formed, for which two hundred girls have already enrolled. We are trying to do our little share in getting ready for what may come within the next few weeks.

1 April 1917

Ruth White

'18 Dorothy Ford who is in the nurses' training school at Indianapolis, has been visiting us.

'19-ex Virginia Eaglesfield of Indianapolis, is here for the week-end.

'18 Florence Buschmann, our corresponding secretary, has been obliged to leave college on account of ill health.

GAMMA—BUTLER COLLEGE

The biggest social event since our last letter was the State dance and luncheon, combined with District convention. The luncheon, in the beautiful Riley room at the Claypool, was impressive. Mrs. Ritter acted as toastmistress and Miss Knox, District president, added to the occasion with a very interesting talk. A clever programme of stunts followed. Alpha gave a musical skit; Alpha Chi, a solo dance; Gamma, The evolution of a college girl; Beta, a comedy sketch; Alpha Eta, some favorite pastimes. The dance was featured by cabaret singing.

After a successful basketball season, Butler is looking forward to baseball, track, spring football, and tennis. Girls' athletics will be swimming, tennis and, for the first time, organized effort in track.

The Young Women's Christian association gave a tea March 14 at the home of Jean Brown for Miss Richardson, traveling secretary for the Middle-west.

Butler won second place in the State oratorical contest, De Pauw first. We are now planning for more victories in debating having won from Wabash March 27.

The Biology club again expects to raise money, for at least one scholarship either for the summer school at Wood's Hole or Cold Springs Harbor. An exhibit will be given, and our museum, containing many fine specimens collected by Prof. Henry Lane Bruner and Dr. David Starr Jordan, once our biology professor, will be opened May 4. On May 1 there will be a frolic at the Irving theater, where Butlerites will sing and gambol in order to show suburbanites how May day should be celebrated. Many Thetas are interested in the club and helping with the programme.

The sophomores are planning a hop with "military trimmings" for April 28. Laura Pantzer and Maryanne Copeland are on the committee.

The Girls' glee club, one of our youngest organizations, gave a splendid concert, March 16. A feature was a short play, *The*

whistling girl, written by Jean Brown, and in which she and Genevieve New appeared. India Wilson and Louise Stewart, a pledge, played their violins. Other Theta performers were Lola Conner, Genevieve Downs, Marie Fitzgerald, and Laura Pantzer.

On March 19 the seniors had a party at the Lambda Chi Alpha house and much praise was given to our Laura Ann Ried, who had charge of the luncheon which contributed much to the success of the party.

Mary K. O'Haver

'15 Ruth Cunningham was married Mar. 6 to Louis Napoleon Kirkhoff, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, Butler '15.

'16 Miriam Wilson, now at the University of Chicago, visited us recently.

'18 Lucile Adams is the leader of the Irvington Methodist church orchestra.

'15 Lera Crane Hamilton (Mrs F. F.), Alpha Chi, who is living in Indianapolis, visited Butler recently.

'19 Genevieve Downs is to be the leading lady in *Green stockings* which Duzer Du, the dramatic fraternity, will present April 20, the night of our spring "clean-up" day.

'17 Helen Andrews, who came to us last year from Indiana, has been awarded a scholarship at the Eugenics record office, Cold Springs Harbor.

'19 Edith Dailey has been quite ill with pneumonia but is expected back in college after spring vacation.

'19 Mary K. O'Haver was initiated Feb. 20 at the home of Agnes Foreman.

Gamma is happy to announce the pledging of Nancy Dyer (Mrs C. B.), who is working for her M.A.

'18 Ilene Morgan is taking special work in college this semester.

Edestina Hendrix, Beta, was a pleasant guest at one of our recent fraternity meetings.

DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

The topic uppermost in all our minds is the present war situation. At Illinois several plans are under way for raising money for relief funds for Belgian, French, and other sufferers. But what strikes nearer home is the preparedness programme being followed. The Battery is packed up ready for instantaneous mobilization and both upperclassmen and graduates are taking examinations for commissioned captaincies or lieutenantcies in the state's Officers' Reserve corps. Information blanks have been sent to all students, both men and women, requesting information as to service they could give in case of need. The women are signing up for all branches, from army nurses to commercial lines. Illinois will be ready to give its quota.

Delta's scholarship ranking in the schedule just published for last semester is second with an average of 86.06, Gamma Phi Beta standing first. We are proud to add that one of our seniors, Lois Philbrick, is a Phi Beta Kappa.

It is a chapter custom to give a gift to the house as freshmen and again as seniors. This year all classes are putting their funds together for something we need and will appreciate—furniture for our chapter-room. It is to be Jacobean style, upholstered in rose and old blue tapestry.

Our annual Junior breakfast will be in May as usual, when we hope to welcome many at the reunion, and perhaps delight them with the announcement of some engagement.

We are planning an elaborate stunt for the annual Stunt show competition which is given by Young Women's Christian association at Interscholastic time. Since the judges' decision is not yet made as to which stunts will be accepted, we are not sure that we will be in the contest; but if anticipation and enthusiasm count, we stand a good chance.

Delta is hoping to have many at convention. Though it is somewhat uncertain as to who really will get there, the following are reasonably sure of the pleasure: Marion McConnel, delegate; Faith Swigart '16; Dorothy and Helen Doty '18; Dorothy Warren '19; Marie Cronin '19; Louise Murphy '19; Virginia Russell '19; Nelle Platt '19; Eunice Lyon '20; Winifred Carlson '20; Harriett Halladay '20; Katherine Eisner '20; Helen Whipple '15; and Catherine Planck Kircher '14. We hope more of our alumnæ will be able to go.

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Helen Doty

'12-ex Alice Riley was married Mar. 5 to Fred Healy '15, Δ T Δ. They will be at home after April 1 at 5472 University av. Chicago.

Ruth Raymond Hazelton is living now at 2526 Webster st. Berkeley, Cal. Hortense Gettys Hill is living now at Woodstock, Ill.

Delta has been delighted to have the following Thetas visit at her chapter house: Mary Wheeler, Beta, for the week-end of Mar. 10; Marian Bottsford, Gamma, for the week-end of Mar. 17; Ninetta Illingworth, Beta pledge, for the week-end of Mar. 24.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Michigan women are doing something toward relieving the suffering in Europe by working in The Woman's league parlors on surgical dressings and the simpler hospital garments to be sent to the American fund for the French wounded in Paris. Last semester we made one hundred comfort bags. We have also Red Cross classes which meet with physicians once or twice a week, for instruction in first aid and home nursing. Courses also are offered in dietetics and surgical dressings. A class of seventeen in first aid and home nursing meets in our chapter house twice a week.

There is great discussion as to whether or not this university shall install a course in compulsory military training. An all campus ballot is being taken on the question.

We hope May 2, to have many alumnæ here for our first University Alumni day. The first May Festival concert will be that day, and we will be glad indeed to welcome back those alumnæ who are "really interested in the deeper problems of university policies and administration," to quote the *Michigan Alumnus*.

We had such a happy initiation March 3. It has been a long time since we have had so many alumnæ back at once. We hope they will all come again next year, and that ever so many who could not get here this year will surely come then. The banquet was served at tables arranged in an H stretching the length of the music-room, living-room, and reception hall. There were ninety-three of us. According to custom, our beloved *Semper Fideles* loving-cup appeared, and we are all happy to have engraved there the names of Esther Cook '16, and Mary Yost, graduate. The usual "snake dance" ended the banquet but not the good times, for the house rang with laughter over the stunts until the wee sma' hours.

Detroit alumnæ is really responsible for our delightful House-warming on March 2. We had so many beautiful flowers that we looked festive indeed—and we were proud to escort our guests from attic to cellar over our new home.

A house dance was given March 10. We appreciate the advantages of our chapter house so keenly, having been without them for a short time.

29 March 1917

Doris E. Porter

Esther Shaw was in Ann Arbor for the week of Feb. 12 and again Mar. 29. '10 Elfrieda Weitz has announced her engagement to Bernhardt P. Ruetenik, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ and $\Sigma \Xi$. Mr Ruetenik was graduated from the University of Michigan '08, taking his M.S. from the Engineering college '12.

At initiation time we were glad indeed to have Mrs Weitz come with Elfrieda and Elsie. We hope she will visit us often.

We have had so many beautiful gifts lately: an exquisite Martha Washington mirror from Katherine Sherwood Roberts '15-ex, Margaret Weart Barber '15-ex, Annie Williams '15, Mary Lynn Findley '15, and Elizabeth Crocker '15-ex; a silver cake plate from Dr and Mrs Peterson; a brass and copper jar from Marion Peterson, Vassar '15, and Margaret Vogle, Vassar '17; a crystal flower basket from Mrs A. L. Fogg, Pi '01; a Circassian walnut mirror from Dr Walter A. Haldy and Bernhardt P. Reutenik, the fiancés of Emma and Elfrieda Weitz; a mahogany piano lamp from Mrs Tinsman.

The following people were here for the Initiation banquet Mar. 3: Myra Post Cady '95, Charlotte Walker Stone '00, Charlotte Bissell '03, Elsie Weitz '10, Florence Hagle Ruthven '04, Edith Rice Swain '97, Dorothy Bastin Brotherton '18-ex, Louise Tuthill Kingsbury '12, Louise Conner Teague '10-ex, Katharine Sherwood Roberts '15-ex, Margaret Weart Barber '15-ex, Annie Williams '15, Julia Williams Brett '11-ex, Mabel Mason Brewer '09, Hazel Mason Brewer '10-ex, Grace Moore Walser '01-ex, Stella Roth Boston '14, Jeanette Sayre Canfield, Kappa '98, Martina Rowe, Mu '17-ex, Helen Brown '14, Elizabeth Williams '11-ex, Olivia Williams '17-ex, Agnes Carpenter '11-ex, Louella Knight '17-ex, Margaret Foote '15, Josephine Davis '12, Leona Belzer '08, Helen Post Steele '03, Hermina Henze, Omega '14, Bertha Ballard '11-ex, Lucy Harmon '10, Frieda Reynolds '08, Frances Lakin '14, Esther Cook '16, Beatrice Lambrecht '16, Corinne Aldrich, Gussie Bookmeyer '11, Minerva Rhines '97, Gretchen Oeschger, Alpha Pi '13, Emma Heath '14, Elsie Weitz '13-ex, Elfrieda Weitz '10, Ruby Severance Gripman '13.

Mary Yost spent her vacation in Ann Arbor the week of Mar. 26.

'16-ex The engagement of Helen Baker to Charles Taft, Jr. $\Delta T \Delta$, was announced Feb. 12.

On Mar. 29, we received calls from Agnes Carpenter '11-ex, Minerva Rhines '97, Edna Bence Loring, Alpha '11.

IOTA—CORNELL UNIVERSITY

The lack of gaiety last term, due to delay in getting into the new house, to rushing and initiation, has been fully offset by the whirl of social activity Iota has enjoyed these last two months.

Our Sunday tea has become an established custom. Faculty and students meet informally and we feel that both our friends and ourselves have come into a deeper understanding of university life through this relationship. This friendliness has been stimulated also by the weekly dinners for faculty and alumnae which we have had since February. Among our guests have been President and Mrs. Schurman, Dean and Mrs. A. W. Smith, Professor and Mrs. Comstock, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Smith, and L. Pearle Green. All praise should be given to our stewardess, Reba Beard, who in the absence of our cook prepared the entire meal for one of the dinner parties and then appeared at the table as calm and well poised as only a true hostess could be.

Our annual dance proved a most wonderful success. It was held in a large downtown hall, which made it possible for us to invite two hundred guests. Much to our surprise, after the dance we received a receipted bill for the hall rent accompanied by a note stating that it had been paid by Mrs. L. P. Smith. Mrs. Smith had already done so much for Iota that this added gift made us all the more appreciative.

This letter sounds more social than studious, but play is easier to write about than is work, and we certainly do study. Besides from now on it looks as though our time would be occupied in preparations for aiding our country in the serious crisis. Many students have joined the ambulance unit and leave for France April 14. The faculty has passed a resolution granting degrees to seniors in good standing who enlist for any active government service. The girls are active in the Red Cross first aid classes, and altogether the university community has assumed a subdued atmosphere.

1 April 1917

Elizabeth Stufflebeam

Katherine Rodgers will be our convention delegate.

'19 Doris Wynkoop after two successful tryouts in minor plays, has been given a part in *Leonarda*, the big annual play of the Dramatic club.

KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

Five weary months dragged by while we kept promising the freshmen that if they would be good and study hard we would initiate them. The eventful day, with all its thrills, finally arrived. On February 17, to Kappa's roll was added seven fine girls, wearing Theta's kite for the first time.

For some time we have had our eyes focused on one of our dignified seniors. At irregular intervals, and regular hours also, she has disappeared from our midst. Our questions fell on sound-proof

ears, her answers were vague, her actions suspicious. But one day in a special Convocation held in Fraser chapel our fears were driven away by the reading of the names for Torch, the honorary senior society, for our "suspect," Carolyn McNutt, led the list.

Every one has heard the story that precious things come wrapped in small packages, and the same thing must apply to brains, for our smallest member, Lila Atkinson, passed us all in the race for scholarship and made Phi Beta Kappa.

On April 10, Kappa has invited the university faculty to come to tea. It really isn't a "grafting" party, but it is to offer us an opportunity to become acquainted with our instructors outside of the classroom—and the professor who talks "shop" can't come next time. Then on Saturday April 21, we have decided to have a stunt show for the alumnae. They must pay twenty-five cents admittance, but anything higher in paper, check, or currency will be accepted. Some remarkable talent has been displayed this year among the girls, and we expect to surpass the "Follies" in ingenuity and originality.

Kappa has added two new pledges, Marie Babcock of Wichita, Kansas, a freshman, and Frances Hitchcock, of Augusta, Kansas, a sophomore.

26 March 1917

Julian Senhausen

Vera Atkinson Veatch (Mrs Francis) of St. Louis, visited us for a week-end.

Dorothy Martin of Kansas City spent a Saturday with us.

'14 Ruth Harger of Abilene was here during the State teachers' association.

'17 Barbara Abel, now of Tau, came for the week-end of Feb. 10.

'20-ex Louisa Miller has withdrawn from college.

'18-ex Helen Robinson has withdrawn from college because of ill health.

Jane Alexander, Alpha Upsilon, motored over and spent a Sunday with us.

'18-ex Virginia Stone, '16 Kathryn Stone, '18-ex Lydia Tomlinson, '16 Maria Slade, and Marjorie Herick of Alpha Upsilon, were here for initiation.

LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

Lambda sophomores have given up, though a little reluctantly, the front seats in chapter meetings, also their arduous housekeeping duties to nine willing new Thetas who were initiated February 21, at the home of Margaret Tracy Jones (Mrs. G. F.). Margery Watson '14 presided as toast-mistress at the banquet which followed. Perhaps the sophomores were anticipating this usurpation of their rights and privileges when they introduced the pledges to Theta's goat at a cleverly planned and delightfully carried out stunt party at the fraternity rooms, February 16.

Mrs. Edward Robinson, Iota '94, entertained the chapter with a tea at her home, February 23.

The dance of the seasons, an exhibition given in the university gymnasium, March 20, brought the strenuous winter's work of the girls' gymnasium classes to a delightful close, a very successful one,

too, since the proceeds, which will be used for the Women's athletic association, amounted to \$200. Twenty-four Thetas took part in the solo and chorus dances, each of which was a very realistic representation of the months from March to December. Isabelle Watson '18 gave a charming impersonation of Jack Frost.

At the annual business meeting of the Young Women's Christian association, Bessie Reynolds '18 was elected vice-president and Dorothy Lawrence '19, secretary.

Easter vacation sped by in preparations for our annual dance which was held in the Ethan Allen club's attractive rooms, April 9. Now that this all absorbing event has been duly registered in the university *Cynic*, we Lambda girls are ready to turn our thoughts to convention, and heartily wish that our well-drained pocketbooks, as well as our thoughts, might carry us to Charlevoix-the-Beautiful.

29 March 1917

Helen M. Hall

'14 Jeannette Sparrow was in South Orange, N. J. during the spring vacation.

'15-ex Born Feb. 17 to Mr and Mrs Daniel R. Grandy (Marjorie Read) a son, Daniel Robinson, Jr.

'16 Dorothy Votey spent Easter vacation at her home in Burlington.

'16 Helen Rutter spent the spring recess in Boston.

'20 Ursula Kimball visited in Lawrence, Mass. during vacation.

'96 Elizabeth Norton Canfield (Mrs T. H.) is living in St. Paul, Minn. Her husband is secretary of the State agricultural association.

MU—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

Initiation was February 10. A number of alumnae were back and took part in making it a truly joyous occasion. In addition to our previously mentioned pledges, we initiated Elizabeth Burwell, of Meadville, whom we pledged February 9.

February 24, we pledged Marian Cook, of Warren, and March 24 we initiated Marian and Florence Gibbons.

The Washington's Birthday banquet proved a decided success this year. The decorations were very attractive as were the costumes. Enthusiasm and college spirit were decidedly in evidence.

Our freshmen entertained the freshman girls of the other fraternities and of Teutonia at a children's party, March 10. It was quite an affair and those who could not attend, on account of no longer being honored with the name "freshmen," were strangely yet firmly convinced, by the noise made, that the guests were all having a glorious good time.

Plans are being made for the installation of a Student Senate at Allegheny. For several years there has been some agitation with that end in view but it was not pushed hard enough to be forced to the attention of the entire student-body. The present senior class has taken it up and it now promises definite results. The plans were presented to the student-body which passed them by a large majority

vote and they are now before the faculty which is soon to take definite action upon them.

Convention! Convention! What allurements it holds for each and every one of us! We all have a great desire to be there. Janet Simcox has been chosen as our delegate with Ruth Brumbaugh as her alternate. We have no fear but that Janet and "Brum" will return from convention brimful of good times and inspiring work to tell those of us who cannot go. A number, however, are planning to be there to represent Mu and we believe we will have quite a delegation.

28 March 1917

Mary K. Arnold

The following alumnae were here for initiation, Feb. 10: '93 Rebecca Cooper, '96 Gertrude Harper, '00 Josephine Bates Webb, '08 Florence Grauel Miller, '10 Lottie Hammett, Grace Miller, '12 Marguerite Shelmadine, Augusta Gibbons, '13 Beulah Grauel, Dorothy Sansom Dotterer, '14 Muza Anchors, Gay Kellogg, Rachel Smith, '15 Caryl Reynolds, Agnes McMahon, Josephine Singley Caldwell, '16 Helen Adams, Marian Miller, Blanche Taylor, '16-ex Anna McKenna, '17-ex Rachel Cleveland.

'95 Clara Campbell is in France engaged in relief work.

'12 Augusta Gibbons spent several days with us in March.

We were delighted to have Gertrude Mikels Ogden (Mrs H. G.), Alpha, with us for the week-end Mar. 9-12.

'17-ex Martina Rowe is attending the University of Michigan this semester.

RHO—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Formals, banquets, initiation, to say nothing of mid-semester examinations, have all been heaped upon us, and today we start home feeling that the Easter vacation will be a happy one.

The annual exercises of Phi Beta Kappa were held in the Armory, March 29, and you can be sure that it was with throbbing hearts we saw the honor of membership bestowed on Dorothy Wallace and Louise Coe, two of our seniors. Both girls have been active in university activities, taking part in all such with cheerful hearts and willing hands.

The first plans for organization of all college women west of the Mississippi into a Women's naval reserve league were made by a group of Nebraska university women. The league, formed under the auspices of the United States navy department, will prepare college women for all kinds of service in war. Thetas lead the movement in Nebraska with Alice Proudfit as chairman of the local organization, which will be headquarters, for all the western states, and many other alumnae active in the work.

April 17 we held initiation for Louise Bailey, Jean Preece, Margaret Dodge, Berenice Borchers, Alice Temple, and Rachael Trester, and Mrs. Madge Wilson-Johnston. Alice Temple won the Theta badge awarded for the highest scholarship among the pledges.

Our spring formal will be April 10 and will be preceded by a luncheon at the Lincoln for our out-of-town guests.

Kosmet club will present *The diplomat* this year with new music, written by Leroy Meisinger '17. Kosmet productions have always been a great success and this year our members who are taking part say it will be the best of the many Kosmet productions.

General Pershing will be Commencement speaker this year. Another interesting lecturer will be Mrs. Ella Flagg Young.

Would that all of us could be with you at Charlevoix, Rho's best wishes for a glorious time there.

29 March 1917

Helen Cook

'90 Mr and Mrs W. E. Hardy (Gertrude Laws) sail from Honolulu for the states April 2. Mrs Guy Gere (Dena Lomis) was to return with them but illness will prevent her coming.

'91 Mrs H. K. Holsman (Elizabeth Tuttle) of Chicago, has recently won much honor in her art work.

'92 Mrs Dean R. Leland (Clara Walsh) has some paintings exhibited in the Nebraska Art Exhibit.

'13-ex Ruth Bridenbaugh of Dakota City, Neb. was here for formal.

'14-ex Virginia Lewis of Springfield, Ill. was with us for formal and initiation.

'16 Alice Proudfit has returned from her southern trip. On her way home she visited Mrs Chas. Gardiner (Catherine Atword) at White Oak Farm, Clinton, Md.

'18 Catherine Pierce is ill with scarlet fever at her home in Bellville, Kan. Loa Howard and Charlotte Bedwell of Omaha, came down for initiation.

SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Seniors' Party was March 24, rather later than usual—so much so in fact, that the examination time-table, appearing on the very morning of the feast, threatened at first to hover in the background of our joy, a gloomy and uncomfortable spectre. But what phantom, be it ever so potent, could long haunt the vicinity of forty Thetas seated round the festive board? The toast-mistress had said barely five words when it fled, pressing its hands to its ears to shut out the rising gales of laughter. One blessing at least we owed to the lateness of the date. Few people having leisure for preparation most of the speeches were extempore and in consequence delightfully frank and spicy. To add to the joy of the occasion, Mary Brebner, our remaining pledge was initiated the same evening.

Considerable excitement has been occasioned by the unexpected action of the University College Council in forbidding freshman pledging. Sigma is in favor of sophomore rushing and earlier in the year brought it up for consideration in Panhellenic. The other four fraternities are very much opposed to the idea and desirous of petitioning the Council to repeal the regulation on the plea that it will do more harm than good to the college. Sigma, too, is anxious to protest but on different grounds, namely, the unfair discrimination against the women's organizations in a coeducational university.

June is drawing near, yet strangely, the talk is not of Charlevoix, of gay plans for convention. All is of hoes and hoeing, of weeds and orchards, of "plump unpicked cherries, peaches, and raspberries," for the call has come for volunteers for fruit picking and canning and few have not dedicated at least three months of the summer to this unromantic employment. Not that there is not a certain glamor of adventure about the prospect—but it is no joke, and only those who attain to a certain standard of efficiency will be permitted to remain. The workers are sent out in varying "lots" to different districts, where there are "hostels" under the management of the Young Women's Christian association in which board and lodging are provided at a minimum rate. The uniform is a Khaki middy and bloomers. Of those who have not succumbed to these attractions many have taken positions in munition factories or are doing other forms of National Service. Thus it is that we have folded up and put away our long cherished dreams of going to convention—to be brought out again, let us hope, in a happier time.

26 March 1917

Elsie Graham

'10-ex Dora Mavor Moore has a little son born in England this month.

TAU—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

During second semester rushing, Tau pledged Katherine Barbour, a junior of Wellington, Kansas. On March 10, we initiated Phyllis Bartelme, Frances Hunter, Alice Knight, Ruth Marshall, Dorothea Mathias, Elizabeth McEachran, Edna Moser, Margaret Norton, and Rafaela Tennent. Owing to our scholarship ruling, which requires an average of "C," we were prevented from initiating our other pledges. After initiation we had a formal banquet at the Evanston hotel, at which Genevieve Forbes '16, was toast-mistress.

We have invited all alumnae in and around Evanston and Chicago to a "shower" on fraternity hall. A floor-mop, a broom, and soap are among the many necessary things which we hope the hall will receive. We have also invited our alumnae to Reunion Day, which will be in May.

The Campus players will present *The new Henrietta* in April, and Edna Johnson and Geraldine Smith have been chosen for two leading parts.

We were all very much excited when Tau's basketball team won the interfraternity tournament after a close game with Delta Gamma in the final round. Mary Katherine Voorhees has been chosen captain of the university all-star team.

Northwestern is agitated by a movement for women's self-government, and although the fate of the plan still hangs in the balance, we hope that by Commencement we may see the new movement firmly established. We are still working for our Woman's building, and have \$50,000 toward the \$200,000 needed.

Convention looms as a wonderful possibility for most of the members of Tau, for the distance is not so great but most of us may go.

Jessie Norton of Alpha Mu, Barbara Abel of Kappa, and Eva Morrish of Alpha, have affiliated with Tau.

25 March 1917

Imogen S. Voorhees

The sympathy of Tau is extended to Frances Pearl Greenough, whose father died recently.

'17 Mary Katherine Voorhees is president of Panhellenic.

'17 Rene Murray is chairman of the senior class social committee.

'19-ex Florence Shaw Ringold announces the birth of a son in Dec.

'19 Rafaela Tennent has left college on account of ill health.

'19 Gladys Bell has left college for a semester to take an extended trip through California.

'15 Margaret Wilcox Richards (Mrs J. V.) is living at 722 Sherman av. Evanston.

'18-ex Madge Shelby was married Feb. 28 to Mr Byron Jones. Address, Lebanon, Ind.

'17-ex Louise Sprague Brookes (Mrs Julian) visited Tau in March. Address, Newell, Iowa.

'20 Phyllis Shaw is vice-president of the freshman class at Law school.

Phyllis Shaw and Geraldine Smith have been elected members of Kappa Beta Pi, the only law fraternity for women.

Hortense Gettys Hill and Eleanor Babbit of Delta, attended Tau cozy Feb. 22.

Ruth Forbes Sherry, Phi, attended Tau initiation and banquet.

Martha Speakman, Alpha Beta, is living at the Chicago Commons, and is taking courses at the Art institute.

Laura H. Norton, Eta, visited cozy Feb. 7.

'04 Louise Chandler Fletcher (Mrs A. L.) is living at 210 E. Franklin av. Minneapolis, Minn.

UPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

As the result of second semester rush of three weeks, Upsilon pledged two fine girls, Elizabeth Nissun, a freshman, and Esther Colwell, a sophomore. They are both from Minneapolis. Initiation was February 21. We initiated seven girls, Olive Lyman, Esther Thurber, Marjorie McCulloch, Maurine Sanborn, Marion Andrews, all of Minneapolis; Katharine Birch of Duluth; Elizabeth Forssell of St. Paul.

On Lincoln's birthday the freshmen gave the upperclassmen an all day party at Christmas Lake. We left town early in the morning and drove two miles in a large bob. We spent the afternoon skiing and sliding.

The Theta alumnae entertained the Minnesota alumnae association at a tea at the house. The college girls assisted in the dining-room. This was the first time the association had met at a fraternity house. It is hoped that by meeting at the different houses the association will come into closer contact with the girls who are about to be graduated.

Dr. Marion Burton, of Smith college, the newly elected president of Minnesota, addressed the students at a large convocation in the

Armory. He had a most enthusiastic audience and it is with the greatest anticipation that we await his coming. While here, Mr. Burton attended the Senior Reception and addressed the graduating class there.

On Washington's birthday we gave a tea dansant at the house and the latter part of March an informal dance at the Plaza.

On March 23, the annual Panhellenic banquet was held at the Plaza. About 200 girls attended and of these twenty-four were Thetas. Each fraternity presented a stunt.

March 24, the Twin City alumnae association gave a benefit "movie" at the Calhoun theater. The proceeds will go to help buy material for the Fair which we are planning to give next fall. The college girls sold candy and ushered.

Helen Wedum '18, is our official delegate to convention. Edith Cotton, Madeline Gutterson, Dorothy McKay, Marion Gray, Margaret Cotton, Clara McKenzie, Florence Dale, Isabel Gibson, and Olive Lyman are planning to go too.

26 March 1917

Ellen Goodrich

'06 Hazel Lotge is teaching in the Duluth high school.

'14 Marjorie Mix is traveling in the South.

'15-ex Blanche Dailey has been staying at the house during Feb.

'16 Florence Drewry is teaching in the St. Paul schools.

'17 Florence Dale has left college and is now attending business college in Minneapolis.

'17-ex Verna Gold, Alpha Rho, visited the house in Feb.

'16 Ruth Dale was graduated in Jan. She is now living in Renville, Minn.

'06 Ruth Haynes Carpenter (Mrs L. F.) spent several weeks this winter in California.

Florence Greiner visited in Minneapolis during March.

Virginia Mahoney is planning to go to Johns Hopkins university next Sept. to take the course in nursing.

Eleanor Skinner Kimball (Mrs C. D.) has been in California this winter.

'10 Jule Thuet Villaume (Mrs L. A.) is spending several months at the Isle of Pines.

Irene O'Connor Skiles (Mrs Tom D.) visited in Washington at the time of the Inauguration.

Perry Jones is working in the technology department of the Public library in New York City.

'14 Marjorie Mix is spending several months in Florida.

Adrienne Warner has been in Florida this winter.

Born to Mr and Mrs William Kueffner (Helen Schutte) on Nov. 15, a daughter, Mary Hill.

Born to Mr and Mrs William H. Ryder (Agnes Glessner) on Dec. 23, a son, Frank Glessner.

'09 Elva Leonard has announced her engagement to Robert C. Merrill, A Δ Φ. The wedding will take place the latter part of May. They will make their home in Baylor, Mont.

Ruth Magnuson and Harold Hanson, Φ K Ψ, are to be married in June. Their future home will be in Madison, Wis.

Evelyn Perkins Sutton (Mrs Frank E.) has the sympathy of Thetas upon the death of her father.

PHI—STANFORD UNIVERSITY

The initiation for three mid-semester pledges took place March 18. The banquet, as usual an occasion of patriotism and loyalty to Theta, was a great success. Helen Green Cross as toast-mistress cleverly adapted each speaker to some Shakespearian character, the toasts were given under the title of some Shakespearian play. The freshmen used *Comedy of errors* and the sophomores, *Much ado about nothing* for their titles. The junior and senior representatives spoke of *Love's labor lost* and *All's well that ends well*.

Our annual Senior breakfast is looming on the horizon and the freshmen are busy making plans to outdo any heretofore. It probably will be the first Sunday in May.

Stanford has just finished the part of spring vacation known as Junior week. Lake and field sports, the Junior opera and a big Ball comprise the festivities. In the Junior opera, *A pirate for a day*, Isabel Young '19, had the lead and was more than the usual success. Emily Loomis, Elsie Lutz, Ruth Visiel, Jean Campbell, Grace Rossitter, and Florence Bills, took part in the choruses. After the opera Theta entertained the cast and their friends at a reception and dance.

Senior farce tryouts have just been completed and again Theta leads. Mary Flowers has the star part in *A full house*, and Florence Mason is not far behind with a second part. This gives Phi the privilege of a third cast party this year.

Phi is, of course, intensely interested in the installation of Omicron and some of the girls are trying to arrange to go South for the occasion. Three or four, we hope more, are making plans to go to convention.

Elizabeth Elliott

Kate Lutz and Frances Graham have been visiting Phi.

Jane Thompson of Alpha Rho, is spending spring vacation with Phi.

CHI—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

On February 14, the conference and conventions committee of the Young Women's Christian association gave a minstrel show in Liberal Arts chapel. The fact that nine Thetas were in it, may in some way account for its being such a success that it was repeated on March 15 at the Kastle Karnival in Teachers' college. The Thetas who performed were, Ruth Kenney, DeEtta Holmes, Abbie Cresson, Grace Watkins, Marion Peck, and Roberta Saunders and also the Theta quartet, Florence Walldorff, Evalyn Payne, Alice Taylor, and Alletta Henderson. The quartet seems to have made quite a name for itself, for it has sung at various functions, including a Theta alumnae meeting.

Chi is proud to have the honor, as for the past two years, of having two chairmen of Women's day. Ruth Kenney and Anna Carhart have charge this year. Women's day will be Alumnæ day this year and arrangements for the comfort of the many Syracusans whom we hope to welcome back, are gradually being consummated. Chi extends a hearty invitation to her alumnæ.

The plans for initiation and banquet were very suddenly disrupted by a horrible calamity which occurred February 27, when Mrs. Segur Delling (Frances Cafilich) '16, and seven members of her family were killed in a Pennsylvania railroad wreck. We were so stunned and saddened that initiation on March 3 was not accompanied by the usual gayety and we dispensed with the banquet.

At present we are enjoying a visit from Miss Green. Since this is the first time in three years that Chi has been honored by a visit from any of the national officers, we are all trying to make the most of our opportunity.

23 March 1917

Alletta Henderson

The following alumnæ visited the chapter for initiation: Adelaide Van Alstine Yard (Mrs W. H.) '97, Helen Wombough '09, Eloise Andrews Woolver (Mrs. Harry) '09, Bricea Wright Faus (Mrs Herbert) '09, Clare Terwilliger '10, Jessica Smith A B, Helen Whipple, Δ, Ruth Newman '15, Eunice Congdon Bates (Mrs Charles) '15, Ruth Audas '15, Jane Scott '15-ex, Helen Romig '16-ex, Elsa Volckmann '16, Irene Lewis '16, Helen Wright '09, Ruth Jones '16, Louise Balseley '16, Rebecca Carter '16.

'97 Gladys Hibbard Stranahan (Mrs J. A.) and daughter, Marion, visited on Mar. 10.

'07 May Wilcox, Sherborne, N. Y. visited us Feb. 23.

'13 Marguerite Treat visited the chapter on Feb. 16 and announced her engagement to Frank M. Dorsey of Ohio State.

'14 Frances Lakin, Eta, visited us on Mar. 25.

'16-ex Anne Kemp Shiffer (Mrs Russel) has a son, born Feb. 23.

'17-ex Ruth Mixer Burdge (Mrs S. S.) has a daughter, born Feb. 25.

'17 Dora Sours was initiated into Phi Beta Kappa.

'18 Hildred Newell was initiated into Lambda Tau Rho the honorary romance language society.

'18 Jessie Lewis who is now at Alpha Beta visited us during her spring vacation.

'18 Grace Watkins was elected recorder of Women's league and also hockey representative on Athletic governing board.

'18 Hildred Newell was chosen as a member of junior executive committee.

'19 Elizabeth Eylar, Dorothy Dimmick, and Frances Terwilliger were chosen as members of sophomore executive committee.

'20 Lois Mitchell, Marion Peck, and Roberta Saunders were chosen as members of the freshman executive committee.

Chi announces the pledging of Marguerite Crane '20 of Port Byron, N. Y. and Elizabeth MacRoberts '20 of Brooklyn, N. Y.

'18 Abbie Cresson is chairman of social committee of Women's league for next year.

PSI—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

On February 26, Vesta Stott from Mason City, Iowa, was pledged. We have not initiated our freshmen yet, although we expect to after mid-semester examinations.

Several honors have come to Psi during the past few weeks. Catharine Maurer was elected head of bowling in the Women's athletic association board; Marjorie Kinnan, who is vice-president of Red Domino, the women's dramatic club, took the leading part in the Junior play; Imogene Burch, our new president and secretary of Twelfth Night, the new dramatic society, took part in the same play; Marjorie Kinnan, Ruth Stromme, and Imogene Burch were elected to Theta Sigma Phi, the honorary journalistic fraternity; Viola Pleuss was elected vice-president of the sophomore class; and Dorothy Bell and Adelaide Paine are members of Keystone, a society composed of the presidents of the various women's societies in the university.

The Women's athletic association convention, which was held here March 9 and 10, was the first of its kind to be held in the country. Psi is represented in the Women's athletic association by eleven members, but only two Thetas from other chapters came as delegates to the convention.

Our annual formal party was held at the Woman's building, March 23. Several alumnae returned for it, besides ten other guests. A formal dinner was served at six-thirty, and there was dancing between courses and until one o'clock. We are planning another dancing party at Lathrop parlors May 10.

February 23, we entertained the members of Alpha Omicron Pi, which has been installed just recently, at an informal tea. The freshmen gave a tea at the chapter house for the upperclassmen March 3.

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Genevieve Penhalleagon

- '94 Mrs E. P. Burch, Upsilon, visited her daughter, Imogene, during Feb.
- '00 Blanche Brigham Harper (Mrs J. C.) is spending the winter in Fla.
- '13 Laura Gilman has returned from the East where she visited several chapters.
- '14 Gladys Miller is in California.
- '15 Helen Abrams came up from Stoughton, for formal.
- '16 Kathryn Miller has been spending the winter in Hollywood, Cal.
- '15 Dorothy Wick, Alpha, is taking graduate work here this semester.
- '16 Lucile Pritchard attended formal, Mar. 23. She is to be married to Lester Rogers '15, April 17.
- '17 Wilhelmina Smith has been attending a teachers' convention at Grand Rapids, Mich.
- '18 Edna Parker is at her home in Eaton, O.
- '18 Martha Marquart is at home in Springfield, O. on account of the illness of her sister Ruth, Epsilon.
- '18 Marjorie Kinnan is recovering from a slight operation.
- '18-ex Ruth Penhalleagon, who was pledged in 1914, returned for formal.
- '19 Elizabeth Homer is recovering from scarlet fever.
- '19 Ruth Stromme announced her engagement to Robert Wolfers, B Θ II, Mar. 30.
- '20 Gladys Shilling, Alpha Psi, visited us Mar. 9 and 10.
- '85 Martha Merry Buell (Mrs C. E.); Iota, spent Easter in Boston, later visiting Pauline Shepard, Iota, in Cleveland.

'07 Helen Gilman Wing (Mrs Herbert, Jr.) will spend the summer at Ann Arbor where Professor Wing will lecture during the summer session.

'12 Hazel Josten visited Madison during her spring vacation.

'16-ex Born to Mr and Mrs Ralph Crowl (Marie Hitchins) a son. Mr and Mrs Crowl have moved into a new home in Lakewood.

'16 Margaret Whitehead is studying art in Chicago.

OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

It is hard to realize that in a month and a half we shall be leaving college for the summer vacation. There are numerous rushing parties and we spend many afternoons and evenings making the acquaintance of girls who enter college next August. We are convinced that personal rushing is very important and have tried to systematize it by urging every member of the chapter to be responsible for a prospective Theta in order that the latter may have an opportunity to become more than superficially acquainted with us.

Margaret House has decided to run for the office of president of the Associated women students, and every Theta is doing her best to make the campaign a success. Mrs. Cavode will not be with us this semester, as she expects to remain in the East several months longer. While we miss Mrs. Cavode, we think we are very fortunate to have Mrs. Robertson and Ruth Edinger with us.

The campus appreciates how very serious the war situation is and funds have been subscribed to equip an ambulance unit, which will leave for France in May. Also different houses and groups on the campus are helping in Red Cross work. Professor Morse Stephens is still too ill to return to his classes. Professor Hayes of Columbia, however, is filling his place very ably.

Dramatics are occupying a great deal of every one's attention at present. The Senior Extravaganza, which is considered good enough to warrant being copyrighted, and the English club play, *The Canterbury Pilgrims*, will soon be given. The costumes for the Extravaganza are being made on the campus this year. This is quite an innovation, for up to this time only the Parthenia undertook such a task. Pauline Dillman is designing the costumes for the Parthenia.

Augusta Rathbone

'92 Jessie Watson goes East the first of March to attend the convention of Collegiate alumnae in Washington. After numerous visits she will attend the Theta convention.

'00 Anna Ruth Wilder and her mother just left for a visit in New York. She has been granted a six months' leave of absence from her high school, and hopes to spend it in rest and recreation, partly dependent on war conditions.

The Berkeley chapter of the Red Cross has been very active this year; among the directors are Anita Blake '94, and Carol Day '04. Agnes Hart '00, and Louise Lewis have circles at their houses every week. Agnes has the college Theta chapter and Louise several of the faculty members.

Ethel Richardson is at her Oakland home after nearly a year in New Jersey. Katharine Gorrill and her family have gone to Carmel for a short stay.

'07 Florence Wilson has recently accepted a position with the Associated charities of Oakland.

'09 Irene Bangs Barton has gone to South Carolina where her husband is building ships.

'15 Pauline Pierson and Dorothy Edinger are studying art in New York. Dorothy recently won a National prize competition for a poster of the New York telephone company.

Virginie De Fremery is in New York studying to be a kindergarten teacher.

'13 Marguerite Parr Taylor whose home is in Hanford is visiting in Oakland.

'05 Ada Taylor Stull has recently returned from a trip to Honolulu and is again in her home in San José.

'15 Dorothy Rieber is back in Berkeley after a year in New York.

'17-ex Eleanor Banning has recently announced her engagement to John McFarland, Z Ψ Stanford '10.

'15 Vivian Gurney is engaged to Elmer Breckenfeldt.

'18 Ruth Kroll has just returned from a trip to the Orient.

ALPHA BETA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

We, like all Swarthmorian, at present have the jubilee fund uppermost in our minds. You will be interested to know that Swarthmore is now trying to increase its endowment \$1,000,000 by June, 1917. Needless to say, alumni and undergraduates are contributing unsparingly.

We held our annual dance early in February. For the second time we had the pleasure of having our Grand president as guest of honor. The afternoon Mrs. Mecklin arrived Emily Joyce, one of our village seniors, gave an informal tea at her home, where the alumnae and college chapter renewed their acquaintance with Mrs. Mecklin. After the regular chapter meeting, held that evening, Mrs. Mecklin told us about the wonderful plans for convention, and immediately we began to discuss the details among ourselves. Besides Elizabeth Andrews, our delegate, Esther Philips, Beatrice Newcomer, Virginia Kingsbury, and Mary Crosley may be counted among those attending convention. They are now trying to persuade the rest of the chapter to go, too. Several are on the "border line" and need only a little more persuasion to convince them that they mustn't miss it.

We are very proud of Esther Philips and Eleanor Stabler, two of our juniors, who have been elected members of Pi Sigma Chi, an honorary senior organization. In the athletic line, we are very proud of Lucy Lippincott, who won first place in the freshman gymnasium meet.

February brought several birthdays, which we enjoyed as much as the girls themselves. They were celebrated in the chapter-room, at the village tearoom, or at the homes of alumnae. Each celebration was unique and brought with it a series of surprises. Novel presents and witty jokes added to the fun.

A red letter day was the Friday afternoon in March, to which we refer as "Mothers' day." For a long time we have wanted our

mothers to meet each other, but this was the first time our plan materialized. While the mothers chatted and became acquainted, we served tea, sandwiches, and bon-bons. "Mothers' day" proved such a success that we are anticipating a "Fathers' day."

The news that Helen Coles has been elected May Queen has just come. Irma Russell, a sophomore, has been elected one of her attendants.

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Mary I. Crosley

'16 Isabel Cope Jenkins Booth (Mrs N.) is living on Princeton av. Swarthmore, Pa.

'16 The engagement of Isabel Waters and Walter Robinson Paine, has been announced recently.

ALPHA GAMMA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

We challenge any chapter to show a prettier campus than ours is right now. Everything is alive with signs of spring. Preparations are being made for our annual May Festival. Several Thetas in the art department are busy designing costumes and posters for this Festival.

Since our last letter we have four new Theta sisters, of whom we are very proud. They are, Adelaide Beeson, Margaret Kaufman, Elizabeth Hoffman, and Doris Means, all of Columbus. We also have pledged Mildred Booth, from Columbus, too.

We have been very anxious about Dorothy Breyfogle who is in the hospital with appendicitis. She is very much better now and we hope she may be back in college before long.

A very interesting and profitable series of lectures on vocations for women are being given every week during Convocation hour. As most of us are deeply interested in this subject, we are enjoying the lectures very much.

The Women's Panhellenic dance will be April 21 at the Elks' home. Although only the second year that we have had a Panhellenic dance, we hope that it will become an established custom.

Just at this time our main topic of conversation is convention. Whenever we see several heads together we feel sure that more plans are being made for June. We hope to have Alpha Gamma well represented. Those of the college chapter who will surely be there are: Corinne Putnam, Marjorie Dean, Josephine Hamblin, Ruth Clark, Margaret Kaufman, Adelaide Beeson, Louise Havens, Phyllis Whitehill, Janet Cleveland, and Louise Jones.

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Alice Scatterday

'01 Catherine Andrews Gay (Mrs C. W.) has moved to 1386 Chelmsford av. St. Paul, Minn.

Dr and Mrs Ivor Clark (Catherine McMeen) announce the birth of a daughter.

Mary Frame Rogers (Mrs Reginald) is visiting her mother in Columbus.

Rivé King Bowman has returned from New York, for an indefinite stay with her parents.

During April, Florence Minister Van Meter (Mrs Field), Helen Barnhill Lee (Mrs Wayne), Hazel Shook Snyder (Mrs Charles), and Ruth Segrist Gates (Mrs Noble) will visit in Columbus.

Mr and Mrs Vincent Holmes (Edith Glock) announce the birth of a son.

ALPHA DELTA—GOUCHER COLLEGE

The most important thing for Goucher just now is that her million dollar endowment is a fact. Some years ago we were raising a million dollars to pay off the debts of the college, a fund which had to be raised if Goucher were to go on for a single year longer. That million was raised at the last minute. But, with our debts paid, we were still in a precarious condition, for there was no capital on which to depend. So our President, Dr. Guth, very quietly set to work to raise a second million, and a few weeks ago he was able to announce that, as far as finances are concerned, Goucher is now on a fine and sure basis.

Gamma Phi Beta's national convention met in Baltimore during our spring vacation. Because of the dates, unfortunately only the resident fraternity girls had a chance to meet the visiting Gamma Phis. One night the Vagabond players, a company of "glorified amateurs" in Baltimore, gave a performance in the college auditorium to which Gamma Phi Beta invited her friends, and on the last day of the convention, college Panhellenic gave a tea at the college club in honor of Gamma Phi Beta's convention.

Having a fraternity convention in our very midst naturally makes us think all the more longingly of our own! How we wish we could all go to Charlevoix.

Senior dramatics were a big success. The class presented two plays, *A thousand years ago* by Percy Mackaye, and an adaptation of *Macbeth* arranged by Dr. Gay of the English department. One remarkable thing was that every single bit of scenery and every one of the costumes was made by the girls themselves. Every setting was an exquisite picture and every costume fitted into its background and yet remained distinct and individual; and every girl in the class had done her part, either in painting scenery or cutting and sewing the costumes. The acting was uniformly good: Virginia Davis '17, as "Punchinello" was excellent.

As for chapter news. Esther Smith, an alumna, gave a dinner party at her home for the college and alumnae chapters and such a good time as we did have.

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Gertrude Tunstall Edwards

'08 Emilie Dunbar is to be married the latter part of April.

'13 Dorothy Davis is teaching in Santa Barbara, Cal.

'13 Frances Clarke is appearing in a new play under the direction of Mrs Fiske.

'14 Blanche Ross visited in Baltimore the week-end of Senior dramatics.

'16 Mary Colt is to be married April 27.

ALPHA ETA—VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

We have just passed through another crisis of examinations and necessarily our mental state is rather unsettled. We have three sieges a year now—December, March, and June. And how short the intermissions! It seems as though we have just caught our breath from one struggle when another is upon us. But we'll miss even these ordeals, I guess, when we are cast out upon the world *educated*—fitted to put others through similar paces.

Since the last letter we have had a very enjoyable dance at the home of Dorothy McMurray. One of the features was the impromptu solo dance of Dorothy Ashley. We wonder if there are any more at Cornell like her!

Our Saturday lunches continue with their usual enthusiasm. We are planning a tea for our mothers on April 6. This will complete our list of social activities for the year.

Every single girl is wild—*just wild*—to go to convention. Some of us would even be willing to walk if shoes were not so expensive. We hope that this may be a most successful convention—and that the "Theta" hotel may escape burning!

Julia Turnbull

'14 Betty Newsom is studying law in Washington, D. C. and teaching at Goucher college.

'16-ex Roberta Dillon will return from Asheville in April.

'18-ex Louise Lipscomb was with us for the last week-end.

ALPHA THETA—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

Alpha Theta is thinking, talking, and planning for convention. As yet, all the girls have not completed their summer's plans, but every one who can will find a place on her schedule for Charlevoix. One thing that pleases us immensely is the active interest our pledges are taking in convention. They are collecting ten cents a week from each pledge to send a representative to convention. As yet they have not elected their delegate; but their spirit is certainly praiseworthy.

Alpha Theta has instituted recently a plan for keeping pledges in closer touch with upperclassmen. Each freshman has as her confidante and adviser an upperclassman. Every Sunday night we have a buffet supper at the chapter house to which three freshmen are asked with their upperclassmen. The three upperclassmen plan the supper and invite men for the occasion. This serves to bring the pledges in touch both with life in the chapter house and with their senior advisers.

The first term Alpha Theta had a steep pull making ends meet both scholastically and financially. Last fall there were only six girls living in the chapter house, owing to college restriction on pledges living in the house. However, with six of the twelve new

initiates now living in the house, prospects have indeed improved. Also with every possibility of Theta making one of the highest scholarship averages in college, we can look into the future with a feeling that more will be accomplished in the way of chapter efficiency than has ever been done hitherto.

1 April 1917

Henryetta Lightfoot

Elizabeth Johnson has been forced to withdraw from college on account of illness. She has returned to her home in San Angelo.

Josephine Yarrington Pace (Mrs Parker) of Dallas, is in Denison for a stay of three or four months.

ALPHA IOTA—WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

March 21 brought forth the announcement that Lucille Bishop was one of the seven seniors to make Phi Beta Kappa. On this same day we pledged Adele and Genevieve Dubuque, the Washington twins who have made good in their first two years at college.

Five freshmen were initiated February 10; Beth Barnett, Frances Hays, Margaret Howes, Edith Kidwell, and Mary Lewis. The alumnæ who had promised to present a badge to the pledgæ receiving the highest grades for the first semester gave Mary Lewis her Theta kite.

Alpha Iota will have many representatives at convention, including Etta Reller, the delegate, Katherine Brookes, Lucille Bishop, Lucy Taylor, Margaretha Roth, Helen Banister, Helen Ette, Jean Brookes, Katharine McNulty, Claire Berry, Margaret Howes, Mary Lewis, Beth Barnett, and many St. Louis alumnæ. We have a monthly tax of ten cents apiece and with this fund we send a freshman to convention. This year Edith Kidwell was chosen to represent the freshmen.

Alice Johann will again take the leading rôle in the annual Thyrsus play, *The Truth* by Clyde Fitch. This is an honor which no one else, with the exception of Fannie Hurst, has had for three years in succession.

During the installation of Phi of Gamma Phi Beta, many parties were given for this group of girls formerly known as Tau Upsilon. We entertained them with a picnic supper and vaudeville show. Recently Pi Mu Alpha, a local fraternity for women, announced its organization.

The dormitory will soon be too crowded to allow the fraternities to have rooms, so we are starting a house-fund. Many suggestions for making money have been offered and definite plans are now being made. But first we have to finish paying for our new piano of which we are very proud.

27 March 1917

Rachel Metcalfe

¹³-ex Mrs Oscar Buder (Eugenia Hauck) has a son.

Earnestine Dodd, Alpha Omicron, visited St. Louis, Mar. 1.

¹⁶ Helen Humphrey visited Delta for the initiation of her sister Martha.

- '16 Margaret Winter is visiting in Washington, D. C.
- '19 Lucy Taylor went to Kirksville as delegate to the Y. W. C. A. conference.
- '19 Etta Reller is to take the lead in the next monthly *Thyrsus* play.
- '18 Margaretha Roth has been elected secretary of the Women's union.
- '16 Mildred Searcy is to be married Apr. 25.
- '16 Senta Retter is to be married June 14.
- Lucy Wulfinf is visiting friends in California.
- '18-ex Ethel Neuhooff is to be married in June.
- '16-ex Helen Murray is traveling in the South.
- June 18-20 are the dates set for our annual house-party.

ALPHA KAPPA—ADELPHI COLLEGE

So strenuously did we work this semester that the other fraternities gave up in despair, not even venturing a rush party. On March 24, initiation was held at the home of Mary Moneyppenny. Elizabeth McDonald, Ruth Holmes, and Ruth Petit are now wearing the kite. But this was not an ordinary initiation, for we had with us our District president, Amy Baker, and also Miss Titus and a large number of *alumnæ*.

A few weeks ago, we had the pleasure of entertaining Dr. Blogett, President of Adelphi, at tea. He urged us to try and increase fraternity membership and a better feeling between the fraternities. Another afternoon was delightfully spent at cards at the home of Estelle Laux.

Easter vacation approaches much too slowly for Alpha Kappa. All we can think of is "house-party." Again this year, Clarissa Petit has offered us her father's summer camp at Port Jefferson, Long Island, and we are looking forward to a week of fun. Our spring dance is to be held at college on May 11. Besides a delightful time we hope to make good returns, so next year may see us with a most attractive chapter-room.

Alpha Kappa is thinking a great deal about convention and hopes to meet many *Thetas* there.

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Helen Palmer

ALPHA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Our own house. With that as an incentive we have been working especially hard this spring and at last the future of our own house begins to take on a rosy tinge. The first of April will see the payment of \$1,500 on our lots—only a quarter of a block from the campus. It took a lot of work to raise the money and we are justly proud of our house committee, *alumnæ*, and fathers who are doing their best to help. Aside from the *alumnæ* dues, and the money saved by giving up our Formal this year we raised over a hundred dollars with a benefit vaudeville—*Theta follies*. There was a scene from Cranford, a minstrel show, a cabaret scene, and several dancing and singing acts and when it was all over the audience enthusiastically agreed that it was more than worth the fifty cents admission.

It was so successful that we have decided to make it an annual event to increase our house fund.

This seems to be a veritable joy-spring for us. Leotta Forman, senior, has just made Phi Beta Kappa, Elizabeth Vinsonhaler, senior, has Sigma Xi to her list of honors, Martha Davis was just initiated into the honorary educational society, while Gladys Johnson, senior, and Gladys Easterbrook, junior, are wearing the purple pledge ribbons of Tolo club, honorary junior and senior women's society.

Beside our two sisters we are very proud of our other two pledges: Mary Anderson '20, Seattle, and Mary Helen Whitlock '19, California.

Among the out-of-town alumnae who attended the banquet in Feb. were: Randie Morgan, Spokane; Myra Fowler and Nellie Mae White, Tacoma.

Fay Wright Brokaw has been visiting in Seattle from Anaconda, Mont.

'15 Elgin Warren is teaching in Cheney high school.

'17 Helen Bolster is teaching in the high school in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho.

Viretta Calhoun is teaching kindergarten work in the Lowell school, Seattle.

Born to Mr and Mrs Rose (Ella Lankster) a daughter, Caroline Anne.

Born to Mr and Mrs McIntyre (Mellie Alexander) a son.

Of course, we are all anxious to go to convention. Claire McDonald and Marion Pirkey expect to go and Alice English, who is attending school in New York, will stop at Charlevoix on her way home.

ALPHA MU—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

Our birthday banquet was everything a banquet should be—fifty Thetas with inexhaustible enthusiasm, toasts, songs, and lots to eat! We talked chapter house, but felt justified because Alpha Mu's house dream seems so near materialization.

After the banquet came initiation and fifteen new Thetas. We are proud of them. Study hall from seven to nine every night for freshmen, is at least partially responsible for the successful results. Besides these fifteen, Alpha Mu announces the pledging of Marie Rickert of Waterloo, Illinois, a Theta sister, and Wanda Byron of Galesburg, Illinois.

Panhellenic has made few changes in rushing rules. As before, no two consecutive dates with a girl, one drawn date, no men. The one change is that pledging is permitted any day after matriculation, with Pledge-day the following Saturday. To deal with infringements of Panhellenic rules there is a board of appeals—consisting of the Dean of women, the head of the commission on student relations, and one Panhellenic alumna delegate.

College activities are our hobby, we support them loyally. Girls' athletic association entertained with a very successful vaudeville stunt February 24, to which Theta contributed her share of talent in seven actors and the manager, Anne Stewart. Vivian Kirkpatrick is Vice-president of Young Women's Christian association and two other Thetas members of the cabinet. We run to twos, for we also

have two secretaries, Katherine Haston, secretary of junior academics and Harriet Bell, secretary of pre-journalists: also two queens—Jane Quayle, of the 1917 *Sairtar* and Clara Grigsby of the Ad club carnival. Kate Childs has been initiated into Pi Lambda Theta, honorary educational fraternity. Virginia Wheat has joined the Cosmopolitan club.

Since war seems so imminent, talk of Red Cross training is increasing on the campus and eagerness to join first aid classes grows.

Feeling that the short rush next fall is a handicap in knowing girls, we are planning a spring house-party. Consequently our furniture, both upstairs and down is being disguised with white enamel and varnish.

Convention is coming but Charlevoix is far from Missouri. Nevertheless every girl in Alpha Mu is looking forward to June 25 with hope, and some with certainty that they will be "among those present."

27 March 1917

Clara Grigsby

Alumnae who returned for banquet: Helen Hestwood Thompson (Mrs Harlan), Esther Newcomb, Winifred Limerick Toel (Mrs. Court), Frances Louise Dobyns, Mrs Alvin L. Wills of Tau, Elizabeth Harris, Mrs A. K. Risser of Delta, Erma Gruner.

'16 Edna Barck Garth (Mrs J.) is going to live in Columbia.

'16 Erma Gruner is teaching science in the Joplin high school.

'16 Margaret Mumford and Christine Spencer spent their spring vacation in Columbia.

'16 Hazel Evans has spent two week-ends with us this semester.

'18-ex Helen Hestwood Thompson is chairman of a committee in Kansas City to give a benefit for Alpha Mu's house fund.

Mary Reese, Lura Grigsby, Virginia Wheat, Dorothy Worrell, Margaret Mumford are expecting to go to convention.

The following were initiated February 11: Lilia Dickinson, Ruth Dulaney, Aurilla Brigham, Zella Edwards, Genevieve Garnett, Cornelia Haire, Mary Lansing, Ellen Peters, Dorothy Prince, Marguerite Rickert, Lilda Schleicher, Agnus Buis, Evalina Buis, Lola Mary Brown, Lucy Wilson.

ALPHA NU—UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

Plans for convention are filling our minds these days. We all wish we might be there. Beth Barrows will be our delegate and possibly Donna McCall, Isabel Gilbert, Suzanne Staborn, and Frances Falk will enjoy the happy days at Charlevoix.

On February 3 we initiated our ten pledges, Phoebe Ector, Marjorie Frost, Carrie Maclay, Leathie McCarthy, Frances Theis, and Dorothy Wilkinson all from Missoula, Ethel Robinson from Great Falls, Alice Schwefel and Virginia McAuliffe from Butte, and Ethel Johnston from New York City. After initiation a banquet was given at the Florence hotel, where hand painted pansies containing the menu and toasts were the place-cards.

We pledged Helen Finch, a sophomore, March 25. She will be initiated in the spring with our other two pledges, Mae Smith and Winifred Meeks.

This month we are particularly proud of Margaret Garvin, best known to us as "Peg," for being elected from the Kappa chapter of Theta Sigma Phi (the national journalistic fraternity) as delegate to the convention at Lawrence, Kansas, May 2-4, and also of Hazel Baird elected treasurer of Woman's league, and who will be the first woman to represent the University of Montana in debate on April 6, when we meet the University of Southern California.

The university is joyful over an appropriation of \$100,000, which will make possible the construction of several much needed buildings. However, the university has shown its willingness to give as well as receive. When Mr. Heinzman of the Young Men's Christian association spoke in behalf of the Prison soldiers' relief fund the result was a contribution of over \$2,000.

Alpha Nu entertained all fraternities with a reception at the chapter house, February 18.

Ruth M. Davis '18

'09 A daughter, Margaret, was born to Fan Hathaway Lucy Jan. 28.

'16 Hazel Clay was married to Glenn E. McKay. Address: Pompeys Pillar, Mont.

Mrs. Walter McLeod recently returned from California where she spent a delightful month visiting her parents and old friends.

'18-ex Theodosia Sherburne is spending the winter in Los Angeles, Cal.

'15 Merle Kettlewell came to Missoula for initiation, Feb. 3, and acted as toast-mistress at the banquet.

'17-ex Helen Cothrine is at her home in Billings recovering from a severe illness.

'19-ex Bernice Berry spent a few days in Missoula on her way to Los Angeles where she will study music for the remainder of the winter.

'18-ex Bernice Perkins is again attending Oberlin college, after recovering from an operation in Billings.

ALPHA XI—UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

We were particularly fortunate this month in having our District president, Mrs. Dodge, pay us a special visit. She also visited Alpha Chi at Oregon agricultural college and Portland alumnae on her way home.

On March 17 we had our spring formal, a Vogue dinner dance, at which we entertained twenty-five guests. The following Sunday morning we had breakfast at the Country club. It was a delightful but strenuous week-end.

Every girl on the campus has been busy making plans for the April frolic. The April frolic is a party for girls, which comes every year somewhere near the first of April. Every girl went in costume and each house and organization presented a five minute stunt. No men are allowed although every year there are some who say they are expecting to be there, but no man has ever succeeded in getting in. The prize for the best stunt was won by Alpha Phi.

In May comes Junior week-end which will be a real joy, as none of the women's fraternities will have to do any rushing since Pan-

hellenic passed a rule against it. All time is to be given to alumnae and college affairs. Last year we were the only house who did not rush at this time and we enjoyed our week-end so much that every one will be trying our plan this time.

The legislature appropriated \$60,000 for a new dormitory at the University of Oregon. This dormitory is very badly needed and we are rejoicing that all are to be well housed; even Theta is organizing a building association in anticipation of some day owning a home of our own. Next year we rent a new house.

We had the pleasure of a visit from Miss Hopkins, Alpha Delta, the Northwestern Field secretary for Young Women's Christian association who was here to attend a convention, which brought many visitors to the campus from all the nearby colleges.

Besides our delegate, Erma Keithly, Ruth Rothrock, the head of the house, and Mary Chambers, who graduates in June, may go to convention, also Grace Bingham, Kate Schaefer, Eleanor McLean, and Donna Spencer.

Ruth Montgomery

'19 Vivian Pallette is in Cal. recuperating after a serious illness.

'18-ex Julia Platt spent the week-end with us recently.

'14 Eleanor McLean spent a week-end with us on her way to Cal.

'15-ex Mable Smith Holden paid us a short visit recently.

'17-ex Myrtle Smith is visiting in Cal.

'16 Genevieve Shaver who is teaching in Sutherlin, Ore. spent a week with us during Mar.

'19 Mamie Gillette has announced her engagement to John Ruth, Φ Δ Θ.

'08 Born to Winifred Hadley Kuykendall, a son.

'18-ex Beulah Hayes will be married to Malcolm McEwan, K Σ, April 17.

ALPHA OMICRON—UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Alpha Omicron has initiated sixteen pledges since the last chapter letter. We are proud of every one of them and also glad to announce the pledging of Claudia Fay White of Chickasha, Oklahoma.

The night before initiation, March 9, we entertained with a formal Valentine Open house in honor of our pledges. And Saturday night after initiation, instead of the usual formal banquet, we all enjoyed an informal Japanese spread and listened to tales of Eta Beta Pi (our local) in the days before our charter was granted; then other alumnae told us of the first days of Alpha Omicron.

The scholastic standing of the women's fraternities for last semester has been determined and, we are happy to state, Theta ranked first. The college Panhellenic awards the cup and it is necessary for a fraternity to win it three semesters in succession before it becomes permanent property of that fraternity.

We are looking forward expectantly to convention. Beside our delegate those who are quite sure of going are: Gladys Drennan,

Corinne Breeding, Harriet Patrick, Ruth Williams, Georgia Shutt, Margaret Coleman, Adaline Moore, Grace Whatley, Ruth Fisher, Evaline Atwood, Ruth Thompson, and Margaret Goodrich.

The university has been celebrating the generosity of the state legislature with a day-and-a-half holiday. We received appropriations of \$1,317,000 to be spent for four new buildings: an auditorium, a geology building, a library, and a medical building in Oklahoma City.

We feel that, in a way, we have been keeping pace with the university since our alumnae and fathers have presented us with a beautiful baby grand piano, and our mothers have recently given us about seventy-five dollars worth of silver.

19 March 1917

Margaret Coleman

'18-ex Hilda Gatewood, who is teaching at Okeemah, Okla. spent the week-end Mar. 16-18 in Norman.

Nell Goodrich DeGolyer (Mrs E.) has been visiting in Norman.

'14 Marian Brooks was elected president of the Oklahoma student volunteer band at the recent convention held in Tulsa.

'18 Margaret Archdeacon has been elected president of Y. W. C. A. for next year.

'16 Ruth Ann Tolbert, who received her degree at the close of the first semester, is at her home in Hobart, Okla.

'19-ex Irene March spent the week-end of Mar. 16-18 in Norman.

'19-ex Edwina Bradley spent a week at the Theta house during Mar.

Alumnae who attended initiation were: Elizabeth Williams, Irene March, Mrs King Larrimore, Mrs Bennie Owen, Mrs Earl Porter, Edna Cash, Lottie Gibbons, Mrs DeGolyer, Mary Virgin, and Mrs Phil Kidd.

Anne White of Chickasha, Mrs W. B. Fergusen of Cherokee, and May Bell Williams of Ringwood, all members of Eta Beta Pi, were initiated Feb. 10.

Born to Mr and Mrs Ray Dawson (Freda Reed) a son, Raymond, Jr.

'18 Ella Mansfield has been elected secretary and treasurer of the Mathematics club for the present semester.

ALPHA PI—UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

Let's pretend that you are in the fireplace room at our Theta house. You are enjoying one of the house-fund new easy chairs, and the pleasant light from the new lamp that Mrs. Mahon gave us.

Have you heard that Dorothy Hutchinson and Margaurite Patterson were initiated on Saturday, March 10? A banquet was held afterwards at the Frederick hotel.

Have you met our new freshman, Aimee Watson, of Grand Forks? She was formally pledged on February 24.

Four new members are chosen to Phi Beta Kappa each Founders'-day, the others are chosen in the spring. Think how happy we are that Winifred Nelson was one of those four.

There is a new women's fraternity on the campus. Now don't be too certain that you have heard about it. This is the Psi Omega Psi, the third new local that has been admitted to Panhellenic this year. We think a system of rules for secret invitations to fraternity

membership somewhat similar to that used by Minnesota will be passed here.

A week ago last Sunday, we were at home to the Synergoi fraternity, who had entertained us before Christmas. Last Saturday we held open house to our members, patronesses, and immediate neighbors. Next Saturday we are giving a tea for the two newest women's fraternities. We are furnishing Red Cross bags for the French soldiers.

Are you going to convention? Margaret Kolars is to be our official delegate. We think Grace Swank will attend too.

Must you go so soon? Then we will wish you a pleasant summer vacation.

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Merle Rutherford

'15 Ethel Renwick visited us Mar. 12.

'15 Alice Kolars is engaged to Edward McIlraith, $\Phi \Delta \Phi$, of Mott, N. D.

'15 Minnie Steinbar is now at home with her mother, who is ill.

'16 Ruth Soule was with us Feb. 22.

'16-ex Irene Cox Banger (Mrs R. E.) has moved to Seattle.

'17-ex Anne Bowman visited the university, Mar. 17.

There was a Theta party at Devils Lake between semesters, at which Inez Serungard '15, Grace Kolars '17-ex, Grace Swank '17-ex, and Ruth Dale '16-ex (Upsilon), were present.

The new address of Ruth Whithed is 1715 James av. S. Minneapolis, Minn.

ALPHA RHO—UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

The annual Panhellenic dance was given February 10. Miss Cummins, Iota, visited us at this time when we were glad to introduce her to the students and faculty.

February 22 we initiated Helen Lowe, Helen Gooch, Irene Parmley, Mildred Grooves, Laura Lou Brookman, and Beth Meadows. They began their fraternity life by giving a rushing party for three rushees, Rhea Bennett, Flora Williams, and Neva Streater whom we pledged February 26.

Alpha Rho is studying an interesting missionary program dealing with the needs of China. Weekly meetings are held with Alpha Xi Delta, they are purely voluntary and we are proud that almost every Theta attends.

The state legislators did wonderful things for us this year. The university received \$150,000 as a special appropriation for a new women's building and dormitory and one unit of an engineers' building. This women's building will contain rooms for gymnasium, Young Women's Christian association, and Literary society meetings.

Our Spring Festival will be April 12. For this occasion the university has engaged the Minneapolis symphony orchestra for two concerts.

Dr. Powers, the noted lecturer, is giving a series of lectures on the relation of the United States to the present war. This series was

made possible through financial guarantees from various organizations and fraternities.

Alpha Rho has been giving to the Belgian relief fund. The university has boxes for this purpose in every building on the campus.

We have a new chaperon, Miss Elizabeth Brenizier from Broken Bow, Nebraska, who is a graduate from Nebraska university '05. She will be a great help to us, as she is so enthusiastic over college as well as chapter life.

Our delegate to convention is Juliet Lien and Jennie Maule is alternate. Jean Shanard, Marjorie Beebe, Fern Wasem, Beth Meadows, Mae Olston, Ann Moe, Ada Meadows, and Mildred Gold also expect to attend.

27 March 1917

Mildred C. Gold

'16 Leila Cumming visited us recently.

Fern McGinnis Davis (Mrs R. C.) and Elsie Sargeant Julian (Mrs J. K.) have returned from Cal.

Mrs Jessamine Fox is recovering from her serious illness.

Florence Chaney Waterbury from Franklin, Pa. is visiting her parents in Vermilion.

'15 Kathrine Cahalan and Gertrude Cahalan, Psi pledge, visited the chapter in Mar.

Anna Dell Morgan, Mae Jolly, and Mildred Grange are spending several months in Cal.

Phyllis Neumayr, who has been substituting in the high school at Lake Andes, will teach for the remainder of the semester at White Lake.

Grace Sargent is spending the winter and spring in Cal.

ALPHA SIGMA—WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE

March 3 our pledges gave us a beautiful matinée dance. The big college gymnasium was perfectly disguised by their decorations. Besides the chapter and alumnæ, the pledges invited a number of non-fraternity women. This was their own idea, and we are very proud that they are starting out with such fine democratic ideas.

Two weeks later they were initiated. We were glad to have Margaret Brislawn, Bess Ferguson, Jean King, and Christine Crites from out of town at the initiation.

Last Saturday we gave a reception. About two hundred and fifty invitations were issued to members of the faculty, townspeople, representatives from every fraternity and a large number of non-fraternity students. In the dining-room we had an exhibit of all the interesting bronze, china, copper, silver, and pottery in Pullman. We had an exciting time explaining the age and history of the various wares, but the climax was reached when one girl enthusiastically exhibited to a professor his own chocolate set.

We are proud that Iras Troy has been elected president of the senior class. This is the first time in the history of the college that a woman has been elected class president. Dena Whiteman was elected president of the Young Women's Christian association for

next year; Dorothy MacMaster and Glenna Trov were elected members of the Cabinet. Lorena Ferrier was elected to Mask and Daggar, the honorary dramatic society.

Erna Bradbury, one of our freshmen, is making quite a reputation in dramatics. She took the part of leader of the chorus in *Electra*, the last play, and is cast for the leading rôle in *Green stockings*.

Panhellenic is giving a Scholarship banquet. The guests are the girls having the highest scholarship in each of the following groups: women living in town, women boarding in town, women living in fraternity houses, and women living in dormitory. Of the four guests only two are fraternitv women and they are both Thetas; Erna Bradbury having the highest scholarship in the dormitory and Frances Wilmer in the fraternity houses.

27 March 1917

Lorena Ferrier

ALPHA TAU—UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

March 1 and initiation! Five of us were initiated, two sophomores, Hulda Brackman and Florence Stuart, and three freshmen, Gertrude Kemp, Esther Sechrist, and Martha Harris. Initiation was as usual at the home of Mrs. Burris. The service was followed by a supper—and such a supper! Then of course we sang, and we freshmen had an opportunity to know the alumnæ better. Three pledges did not make their grades so could not be initiated. Marie Crowe was pledged in February.

To celebrate our wearing of the kite we freshmen gave the chapter a dance on the following night, at one of the country clubs. It was a Theta party, so of course every one had a joyous time.

Then for convention! Unless weather signs are wrong, there will be a goodly number there from Alpha Tau, about twenty in all. Those of us who are not going are fairly green, for it is going to be something to dream about for years afterward; and then too the marvelous plans that are being laid for a house-party at Dorothy Stevens' summer place in Alden, Michigan.

Would you know of the new feather in our bonnet? Theta stands first in scholarship at the University of Cincinnati, with the highest record ever made by any fraternity. Through the correction of a mistake made in the registrar's office last June, Theta stands first instead of second for the second semester of last year too. Our winning first place this year gives us a chance to win the scholarship cup. The condition for permanent ownership of the cup by any one fraternity is that that fraternity shall stand first in scholarship for three successive years. Kappa Delta had had the cup for two years, and if they had stood first this year they would have won the cup.

So much for what we have been doing, and now for the things that are coming. Saturday March 29, being the fifth Saturday of the month, we will have our customary joint meeting with the alumnæ

chapter. Then April 21, we will have our spring dance, this year a tea dance. Those chapters that have Mothers' parties know how nice they are; ours comes just before the close of the college year. Then our last party is a fare-thee-well for the seniors.

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Martha Crawford Harris

'16 Margaret Pflieger, on returning from a visit in Conn. announced her engagement to Berkeley Williams.

'18 Mary Landis will be married to Ira Holden at the Church of the Advent, Apr. 10, 1917.

'18 Martha Marquart, Psi, has been in Cincinnati for a brief visit.

'18 Mary Struble came down from Western for initiation and for Junior Prom.

'17 Mary Thomas Stevenson and '19 Inez James have discontinued their work at the university.

Helen Andrews is organizing government service classes.

'18 Warwick Black is taking Red Cross training for first aid.

ALPHA UPSILON—WASHBURN COLLEGE

March 3 Alpha Upsilon held initiation for Edna Morrow Hargraves and Marian Morrow, Sigma Delta Psi; and Beatrice Shakeshaft, Jessie Burnett, Mary Paxton, Elizabeth Edson, Dorothy Crane all of Topeka; Telline Evans of Iola; Teresa Tucker of Eureka; and Anne Hawley of Herrington. These girls have proved themselves admirable pledges, washing dishes after spreads, cleaning rooms, and sewing on elusive buttons, et cetera.

We are very much elated over the completion of the endowment fund. On Washburn's birthday President Womer announced that he had procured the full amount. Among the first improvements will be a new women's dormitory. Washburn will be on a new basis which will no doubt bring many more students.

We are enjoying a visit from Mrs. Forde. We take great pride in "showing off" Mrs. Forde when she is here and we only regret that she can't be with us longer.

We are proud that Lois Segar was elected to Tau Delta Pi, a local honorary fraternity with the same method of election as Phi Beta Kappa. Majel Langhart and Christina Ward were made members of Phi Kappa Delta, a national forensic society, and in the "Minimum wage" debate March 9, helped to win for Washburn. Christina is also sophomore representative to Student council and Majel takes the leading part in the Dramatic club's spring play *Fanny and the servant problem*. Dorothy Crane, one of our freshmen, is president of the Spanish club.

Besides our delegate, Sue Louise Bell, Alpha Upsilon expects to be represented at convention by Genevieve McMillan, by our Theta mother and daughter, Mrs. Frank Thompson and Ruth, by Beatrice Shakeshaft, Dorothy Crane, and Frances Perry. We are hoping that before June there will be other girls, who will be able to go.

Gertrude Gray

'08 Day Monroe, who is studying in Columbia, visited in Topeka recently.

'16 Frances Perry is engaged in Y. W. C. A. work.

'16-ex Margaret Shakeshaft Malcolm of Minneapolis, Minn. has been visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs E. J. Shakeshaft.

'10 Marguerite Mills McPherson and her two sons of Howell, Mich. are visiting in Topeka.

'15 Helen Guild, Alpha Upsilon, and Frances Strickland, Mildred Schwinn, Dorothy Miller, and Pauline Carr of Kappa, were guests of Alpha Upsilon for initiation.

'15 Marguerite Seltzer and '13 Martha Sellards, visited in Topeka last week.

'14 Mr and Mrs Edward A. Ingham (Mary Wickwire) of Boston are visiting Mr Ingham's parents in Topeka.

'18-ex Gracia Wood has returned from Boulder, Colo., where she was attending the university. She will reenter Washburn.

'16-ex Maude Hawley is visiting her sister, Anne Hawley, in Topeka.

ALPHA PHI—NEWCOMB COLLEGE

On February 23, we took part in an enjoyable celebration of the driving of the first pile of "New Newcomb." There was an automobile parade from the college to the new campus. Then followed the usual ceremony of the driving of the first pile.

On March 7, we initiated Frances DeuPree '19 and Janey Marks '12. Janey was one of the original petitioning group of Alpha Phi but had never become a Theta. It is needless to express our pride in having these two girls wear the kite.

And now let me introduce you to the very latest additions to Alpha Phi. March 13, we pledged Marion Brown, Dorothy Hay, Mina Fortier, and Irma Unrub. The chapter is looking forward with much anticipation to the time when this attractive quartet will be full-fledged Thetas. Until then weekly pledge meetings, under the guidance of Mabel Sivewright '15, are helping them to attain a true appreciation of all that Theta means.

Phi Beta Kappa was awarded to five members of the senior class. We are very proud of Adèle Drouet, who is among them.

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Miriam Delchamps

Glenn Martin, Alpha Omicron, is in New Orleans for several months.

Helen Murray, Alpha Iota, came to see us when here for Carnival.

ALPHA CHI—PURDUE UNIVERSITY

As the year draws to a close, we feel that it has been a very successful one for us. Just now Harlequin club members are working hard to perfect the play *One moment, please*, which they give the last of April. Gladys Crain and Mary Agnew have leads and twelve other Thetas are in the chorus.

The May-day celebration will be different from those of former years. Instead of the Circus we are to have an Old English pageant. Folk dances in which both men and women take part will open the performance. *The legend of the Sleeping beauty* in pantomime will

follow. The crowning of the May Queen will be the fitting climax to the festivities, and how proud we are that Esther Evans '17 has this important rôle.

The new science building, named in honor of Dean Stanley Coulter, will be dedicated in the near future.

Three of Alpha Chi's members have been recently initiated into honorary fraternities: Margaret Briggs into Omicron Nu, Mildred Briggs and Beatrice Jamison into Philalethean literary society.

We are making great plans for our formal dance, which will be April 14. The girls' Panhellenic council will give a dance early in May, the first social function given by Panhellenic.

As June approaches our minds unconsciously turn to convention, and how we long for wealth, so that we might all attend! But as this is impossible, we must be content with sending four college members—Margaret Briggs '18, Gail Bone '17, Beatrice Jamison '19, and Mary Agnew '17.

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Mary Agnew

'16 Alice Hupe is taking a course of instruction at the Purdue library.

'17 Anita Beadle spent the week-end recently at Beta's chapter house while attending the Phi Psi formal.

'17 Gail Bone recently visited Ida Belle Towsley '16 who is head of the Home economics department at De Pauw university.

Alpha Chi was glad to entertain Carrol Ridpath, Alpha, over the week-end of Mar. 17.

ALPHA PSI—LAWRENCE COLLEGE

February 16 brought initiation and ten new Thetas of whom we are proud; six are freshmen, Ethlynn Lindley, Ruth Lachmann, Anne Hawes, Ruth Froemming, Katherine Nelson, and Gladys Schilling; four are Kappa Upsilon alumnae, Emma Lomas Dana (Mrs. Robert), Ruth Ingraham Dawley (Mrs. C. S.), Elsie Fiske, and Bessie Smith. The following night came banquet at the Hotel Menasha, with forty Thetas in attendance. The banquet was formal in name only, for our happiness was bubbling over and could no longer be restrained.

With six added to our chapter we had to look around for a larger chapter-room. We found just what we wanted, and in the first week of March moved bag and baggage into two big, cheery rooms at the home of Mrs. Z. H. Smith. March 13 we celebrated our meeting in the new rooms with a delicious spread.

Lawrence took another advance step when its Woman's athletic association was made a member of the Athletic conference of American college women at the convention of all women's Athletic associations at Madison, March 1 and 2. We are proud that Amy Helmer '19 was one of the three delegates representing Lawrence at the convention.

With \$137,000 pledged Lawrence is assured of a new chapel. Plans for the new building are well under way and work on it will

begin probably early this summer. In addition to funds for the chapel, \$10,000 was pledged for a new pipe organ.

St. Patrick's day was celebrated with a girls' Pentathlon. There was the usual display of enthusiasm and spirit and a hard fight for the championship, which was finally won by the juniors, the sophomores taking second place.

During the past week Lawrence girls have greatly enjoyed the visit of Miss Ooloooh Burner, national secretary of the Young Women's Christian association.

George Washington's birthday, being a holiday, did not go by unnoticed, for old and new Thetas were entertained by Ruth Lachmann at a tea at her home in Neenah.

And now for our greatest honor: Margaret Ritchie was one of four girls elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

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Geraldine M. Pugh

Florence Stenhouse, Ida Mackin, Anne Stroud, Miriam Vander Bie, Barbara Thom, and Margaret Killen Banta (Mrs George) attended the initiation and banquet.

'14 Dorothy Clark is visiting friends in town.

'14 Jean Wiley Thickens (Mrs. Richard) and small daughter Laura Josephine have returned from San Antonio, Tex. where they have spent the winter with Mr. Thickens, a member of Company 2.

'19 Elizabeth Helmer, who, because of illness, was unable to enter college 19 September returned the second semester.

'19 Amy Helmer has been made a member of the Y. W. C. A. Cabinet.

'20 Ruth Froemming underwent a serious operation at the Deaconess hospital at Green Bay.

The alumnae club entertained the alumnae initiates at a luncheon at the Y. M. C. A. Feb. 16.

ALPHA OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

Initiation of eleven splendid pledges was March 21: two sophomores, Virginia Irwin and Catharine Nau; seven freshmen, Florence Skinner, Katherine Finley, Meta Ebeling, Nell Scott, Minna Steinert, Evangeline Merriman, and Mary Frances McConaughy; and Mrs. Ruth Williams West, pledged at Alpha Upsilon and now living in Pittsburgh. We announce two freshman pledges, Mary Stokes and Leora Graham, to be initiated later. We need only mention that Florence Skinner is a daughter of Mrs. Charles Skinner, Zeta, one of the most active workers of Pittsburgh alumnae, and that Katherine Finley is a sister of Verstine Dale Finley, a charter member of Alpha Omega, to let you know what thrills we felt at their initiation. But it was not till Mrs. Hope Davis Mecklin herself appeared to take part in the service that it seemed absolutely perfect.

At the City Panhellenic luncheon there were about one hundred fifty fraternity women, twenty-eight Thetas made up the largest delegation from any fraternity. City Panhellenic gives a silver

loving-cup to the Pittsburgh chapter with the highest scholarship average for the year. Mrs. Mecklin as president of City Panhellenic, presented the cup to Delta Zeta. Seeing her give the cup to another fraternity has inspired every one of us with the determination that next year we must be in first place. After the luncheon representatives from the five fraternities at Pitt gave a little playlet representing a college Panhellenic meeting during the height of rushing season. Marked improvement in the interfraternity life at Pitt has come through cooperation; the prevalence of good spirit during rush and bidding season, we believe, is largely due to the tactfulness of the president of the college Panhellenic, Anna Graham, one of our seniors.

We have had many gay frolics recently. A miscellaneous "feed" and stunt-party at the chapter house formed the happy climax of our rushing season. Gretchen Buske entertained the chapter and pledges at her home with a delightful party. Our freshmen gave us the greatest surprise in the form of a Sack and Sill party. "Van," whom we have discovered to be our artist freshman painted such fetching sacks on the invitations and sealed the envelopes with such realistic Theta kites that we could hardly refrain from dressing up as Sills on the spot.

Aside from our jollity, we have news of a more permanent happiness. Cecile Boyd '18, has given us a royal gift. It was no less than a whole houseful of furniture which had been her grandmother's. You who have struggled to furnish your chapter house, can appreciate how much it has meant to Alpha Omega to come into possession of complete house furnishings as a beautiful, dream-like surprise.

As for convention—mention of that word is enough to start a volley of enthusiasm. Besides our delegate, Margaretta Weber, Bertha Ortmann, and Marie Kerr attend convention with the chapter paying half their expenses. Others who are saving their pennies to go are: Ruth Fleming, Alica Musser, Louise Borland, Cecile Boyd, and Claudia Chambers.

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Margaretta Weber

Mrs Hope Davis Mecklin has this semester been attending a class in social ethics conducted by Dr Mecklin. Our Grand president is usually guarded and escorted by a devoted Theta on each side.

Agnes Ferguson, who will graduate from the Medical school of the university in June, has accepted a position for the month of July as Recreation director for the Y. W. C. A. training school at Amherst, Mass.

'15 Ruth Harvey is teaching in the Aspinwall high school.

'13 Matilda Moldenhauer has accepted a position as bacteriologist in the National dentists' research institute located in Cleveland, O.

'15 Mary Fisher is in the university again, where she is officiating as secretary and assistant to Dr Roswell Johnson, professor of geology.

'15 Dr and Mrs F. A. C. Perrin (Agnes Willis) have moved into their new home on Schenley Heights.

Helen Tillotson, Alpha Upsilon, Lottie Hammett, Mu, Mrs Charles Skinner, Zeta, and Mrs F. A. C. Perrin and Verstine Dale Finley, Alpha Omega, were the alumnae who attended initiation.

'18 Brenda Wright kindly offered her home for the initiation service, and Mrs Wright after supplying a crowd of hungry girls with a delicious supper, was unceremoniously sent out for the evening, laughingly declaring that now at last she knew "why mothers left home."

BETA BETA—RANDOLPH-MACON WOMAN'S COLLEGE

The last two months saw a round of events in the life at Randolph-Macon. Founder's day was commemorated with an address by Dean Gildersleeve of Barnard college. The Dramatic club play, *Mrs. Dot* was given. The sophomores entertained the seniors with a very artistic and well planned Japanese party. Even day and Odd day both were celebrated. Miss Condé, senior student secretary of the Young Women's Christian association, during a five days' stay in the college, brought a wealth of influence through a series of lectures. A philosophical and psychological convention, composed of representatives from all the colleges south of Baltimore, was held here during April. Dr. Irving Babbitt of Harvard lectured on *Classicism and romanticism*; and Dr. Lloyd of Cawtawba sanitarium talked on *Tuberculosis and its preventions*.

Both Randolph-Macon students and the people of Lynchburg have had the opportunity of a great cultural force through the art exhibition held in the art studio during the month of March. Henri, Weir, Hassam, and Guérin were the artists represented. Madame Auld gave a song recital in the chapel. Later she consented to give an informal and charming talk in the studio on Robert Henri's pictures, illustrating in song, the relation between painting and music.

Randolph-Macon students, faculty, and alumnae are now unusually enthusiastic in their efforts to make the Student building a reality. This building will have an auditorium, rest rooms, and rooms for college organizations and publications. Most every one is pledged to try to make thirty dollars during the summer in order to complete the amount necessary to lay the corner stone.

Alpha Omicron Pi will have their convention here this summer. Speaking of conventions makes us think of our own. Of course, it will be the best to Beta Beta, and from it we expect to derive a great deal to help us in our infancy. Besides our delegate, Maurine Edwards, only one girl, Lucile Duncan, is sure of going.

30 March 1917

Maurine Edwards

Beta Beta wishes to express the sympathy of Theta with Virginia Ivey in the recent death of her mother in Charlotte, N. C.

'16 Ramelle Smith visited in college during Feb.

'16 Elizabeth Jordan was with us a week-end in Mar.

BALTIMORE ALUMNÆ

Our Editor, Emilie Dunbar, is to be married April 17 to Dr. Louie Griffith of Asheville, North Carolina. Naturally her duties as editor are far overshadowed by more important matters, and so it is my lot to substitute for her.

To write about our chapter meetings is quite beyond my pen. Apparently we do very little, and we spend a good deal of time resolving to be more in the future, but continue in the same old path. And yet most of us are very busy either with families or our regular work, and the alumnae meetings are a place to exchange ideas; a place where we get together and renew our youth, and live again some of the good jolly college times. The meetings may be pointless—but they are great fun and it is only through them that we ever come together as a group.

We have, however, raised \$50.00 for the Scholarship fund—and we think we have an easy way of doing it. Each member wrote to two Thetas who were not members of an alumnae chapter and asked for a contribution. Results were surprisingly prompt and generous.

We have representatives in the chapter from Alpha Delta, Alpha Beta, Psi, and Mu.

Katharine Lindsay

BOSTON ALUMNÆ

We have had a very successful and happy year. In losing our president, Charlotte Knox Perrill, there was much cause for regret but California seems to have a fatal attraction for our presidents, our first one, Margaret Lothrop, having also left Boston for that state. We know that other alumnae chapters will gain by our loss, so are somewhat comforted.

Many of last year's members have removed from Boston. But, thanks to the catalogue, many Thetas have been discovered and royally welcomed. Formerly Thetas were as difficult to find as if they had been mislaid in an unknown continent in so far as our knowledge of them was concerned.

Our aim is to connect every Theta alumna in Massachusetts with the national organization and only through the catalogue can we find them.

Eighteen chapters are represented in our membership of forty-one. We have seventeen new members. Brown is in lead with eight; Vermont a close second with six. Our members come from twenty-three towns; Boston proper gives us nine, Cambridge five. So it can be easily seen that getting acquainted is still a problem.

Seven meetings were scheduled for the year. Five have passed into memory. Two more we look forward to, on April 21 and May 25. Our Founders'-day luncheon passed expectations. We had

planned to hold the meeting at the Women's city club but it was necessary to make new arrangements the night before at the Hotel Bellevue as thirty-nine of our members responded to the notices. Carolyn Gerrish acted as toast-mistress charmingly. Flora Cotton of Providence, chairman of the Service board gave us an insight into what the Board desires to do for all Thetas. Democracy in Theta formed the keynote of the speeches. Mrs. L. H. Murlin, wife of the president of Boston university, made a very forceful speech on the importance of a broad outlook for all of us, alumnae and college chapters. Mrs. Ward Cook of Kansas, who has just become our new president, spoke on the Aims of our chapter.

We have enjoyed visits with Linda McLain Hawkridge who is nearly convalescent from infantile paralysis. She has not attended the meetings but belongs to us in Theta affection.

Our fifth meeting was held with Mrs. L. H. Murlin March 10. We were most pleased to see and hear from Mrs. Frank Dawson, alumnae secretary for Maine and New Hampshire.

Maude Belle Plowman

BURLINGTON ALUMNAE

Burlington alumnae has not a scrap of "new news" to relate. Pursuing the program outlined for you in January, we have found a whole Saturday afternoon once a month almost too little time for chapter business and the friendship hour which follows. Alumnae meetings are always looked forward to with pleasure, as the attendance amply proves. The compilation of the chapter history brought many letters from "old girls," and gave us a new sense of oneness with the past. Our chapter membership numbers twenty-one. Sixty alumnae were present at the reunion banquet in June.

E. Mabel Brownell

CLEVELAND ALUMNAE

Cleveland alumnae began the year with a chapter of twenty-three, nine of these new members. We are just holding our own, as nine members dropped out of last year's chapter of twenty-three. Year before last found us with a chapter of seventeen and the year before that, nineteen.

On May 20, 1916, Theta entertained Cleveland Panhellenic at a delightful afternoon party. Miss Katherine Eggleston of New York read a charming program. The aim of the affair was realized when tea-time found so many of Cleveland's fraternity women talking together like old friends.

Last year we sewed for the Red Cross, but this year we have been so busy getting engaged, or married or having babies (and those of us who did none of those thrilling things have seemed to teach school harder than ever), that we have confined our chapter activity

to our Christmas sale. And by the way the sale has become an institution and we recommend it highly as an alumnae chapter "stunt." Each Theta brings a gift or gifts to the December meeting and also each Theta comes prepared to buy. It is lots of fun! A certain amount of the money we make goes to the Scholarship fund and the rest to the general treasury.

I don't believe anybody had a better time than we did at our Founders'-day celebration. On January 27 Mrs. John Randall (Lillian Gatch, Ohio Gamma) entertained twenty Thetas at a luncheon at the Sorosis club. Piles of jonquils, delicious food, and a tableful of Thetas looking their prettiest and feeling their happiest could hardly help making a lovely party, could they? And now we are looking forward to convention. We have elected Mrs. Harris (Kate Johnson, Eta) as our delegate with Helen Bell, Psi, as substitute. Five or six others are planning to go, too. We shall be glad to welcome Thetas convention-bound who are coming through Cleveland.

Helen S. Bell

Born to Mrs W. L. Chandler (Beulah Throop, Chi) a daughter, Beatrice Throop Chandler, May 7, 1916.

Born to Mr and Mrs Thomas McCance Black (Marguerite White, Epsilon) a son, James Dinsmore Black, on Aug. 2, 1916.

Beatrice Cooper Throop, Chi '04, and Thomas George Protheroe were married Oct. 24, 1916, at Post Gibson, N. Y. Present address, 1946 Woodward av. Cleveland Heights, Cleveland, O.

COLUMBUS ALUMNÆ

Columbus alumnae has followed a new plan this year which has been very successful. We have invited different interesting people to talk to us at our meetings.

At our first meeting Professor Pierce talked of his experiences at the American hospital in France. During his talk we made bandages. At another meeting Miss Henderson, Epsilon, gave us a most delightful account of her travels in Japan. We are looking forward to a talk by Mrs. Dora Sandoe Bachman on *Ohio laws pertaining to women*. Mrs. Bachman is very active in suffrage work and is a member of the school board. At this meeting we are to go early and each girl bring enough white rags to wind a two pound ball. These rags are to be made into rugs for our beautiful new room in the Children's day nursery.

We have had an unusually large alumnae chapter this year with very good attendance at the meetings. Our birthday banquet, in May closes the activities for the year. This is an occasion always looked forward to with great pleasure as the alumnae and college chapters join forces for one last frolic.

Mabel M. Taft

DETROIT ALUMNÆ

This has been a year of pleasant anticipation of convention. Those few who are unable to attend, will at least enjoy the pleasure of meeting those delegates who pass through Detroit.

Our program for the year, which has consisted of sketches of the various chapters, given by the members representing them, has been very interesting and helped greatly in the feeling of united interest and strength, which should be a goal for us all.

There were thirty-seven present at Founders'-day luncheon held February 3 at the Addison hotel. Owing to the fact that it was examination time, only three were in from Ann Arbor: Helen Pratt, Ellen Sargent, and Gladys Vedder. We have been so fortunate as to have Mrs. McPherson of Tacoma alumnae with us this winter, and to her we owe our thanks for the attractive decorations for the luncheon. We were served at small tables the center one of which was decorated with a large black glass basket filled with yellow rosebuds. The surrounding tables each had for centerpiece a candle stick of black holding a yellow candle. At each place was a tiny boutonniere of yellow flowers against a background of black. During luncheon and after Ellen Sargent played and sang for us.

Our nearness to Ann Arbor makes it possible to keep in close touch with college affairs. A college rally, held Thanksgiving week for the benefit of the Collegiate bureau of occupations, and of which a Theta, Mabel Gale Lowrie (Mrs. Albert) had charge, and the Michigan Women's banquet, an annual affair, at both of which students and alumnae met, have helped to keep the spirit of cooperation between them alive.

Election of officers was held February 27, at which the following were elected: Ruby Severance Gripman (Mrs. Rae), president; Hermine Henze, vice-president; Maud Hallenbeck Perine (Mrs. Leroy), secretary; and Annie Williams, treasurer.

29 March 1917

Corene Aldrich

INDIANAPOLIS ALUMNÆ

Indianapolis alumnae is just about to complete her twentieth year, and a banner year it has been. We have at last reached our goal of one hundred members. We now proudly proclaim ourselves the largest alumnae chapter existing among women's fraternities. Our attendance has been good also—each meeting averaging between sixty-five and seventy members.

We have had miscellaneous programs, and have tried to come more in touch with the college chapters in the state. Our September and March meetings were our gala days, when we had representatives from all Indiana chapters with us. In September we held a reception at the home of Mary Clinton Eichrodt for all college

Thetas and their rushees. We dare not say how we impressed the younger girls but we alumnae certainly did enjoy meeting them and seeing the youthful enthusiasm that beamed forth from every face.

Our November meeting was a revelation to all. We had a "real" fraternity meeting given us by Gamma. They gave it all to us—from the beginning down to the study program which has taken the place of those dreaded springtime "exams." Those of us who, in our college chapter life, had held office, truly sympathized with the trials of each girl, and remembered how burdensome they had seemed to us. The alumnae chapter was so pleased with the spirit that the younger girls brought to us, that we established the custom of having two or three college members with us at each meeting—a custom that has proved its merits during the year.

We had a real treat in January, Ruth Baker Day talked on *My war experiences in Russia*. All who were present felt truly thankful that our boys and girls were peacefully at their studies instead of on the battlefield.

March 3, seems rather a late day to celebrate Founders'-day, but when we have five chapters to consult, and five examination periods to avoid, there is real trouble. It proved to be a delightful day however. Not only did we have all of our chapters represented, but at the same time we had the pleasure of the District convention. Two hundred loyal Thetas assembled in the Riley room at the Claypool hotel for luncheon. Here again we tried to come into closer touch with the college chapters by asking each to give a stunt representing some phase of its college life. The day's celebration ended with a dance in which one hundred and fifty couples participated. When the clock struck twelve it was a tired and yet a happy group who journeyed home—each truly thankful that Kappa Alpha Theta had been founded.

But our activities have not been entirely social. Under the leadership of Miss Edna Henry—of whom we feel justly proud—we have tried to do some social service work. During the year we have taken care of fifteen cases. We find that we accomplish more by giving each case to a group of three or four who report on it at every alumnae meeting. The work has proven beneficial and interesting, and we are so enthusiastic over it that we hope we may continue it in years to come.

28 March 1917

Marjorie Hall

LINCOLN ALUMNÆ

This year we have sold coffee. Florence Wood, Rho, and Helen Matteson, Lincoln alumnae, have taken orders and made deliveries of 160 pounds of coffee each week. For an experiment, the venture has paid, and doubtless another year we shall have the confidence to make greater effort.

We have met for a social cup of tea and the contemplation of Theta affairs, once a month, since October. Just now the banquet claims all our attention, as this year marks the thirtieth anniversary of Rho's first bow to Greekdom. Hence it is called *alumnæ* banquet. Helen Laws Avery has general charge. Katharine Cline and Dorothy Miller Campbell (Mrs. R. E.) are plotting the program. The rest of us are doing our utmost to entice every prodigal to return, and will be very happy to meet each and every one and lead her to a waiting hostess.

Friday evening April 27 is *Alumnæ* night at Kate Field's, Saturday morning, class reunions, with the Banquet revel in the evening. Those having the endurance will attend a theater party in the afternoon.

Whether it was sheer exuberance over the initiation of Madge Johnston or just the stirrings of spring, we cannot say, but the Theta Bridge club has risen phoenix-like from its ashes. It may be that we shall turn into a Preparedness league or a unit to work for the Ballot, both causes being near our hearts.

MADISON ALUMNÆ

The year for the Madison *alumnæ* began with the election of officers at a luncheon at the home of Mrs. Rex Welton in April, 1916. Our next meeting, May, 1916, merged into the annual Phi Beta Kappa picnic given by the *alumnæ* to the college chapter in honor of the new Phi Beta Kappas. This event is always the occasion of much hilarity, the chief joy being the reading, by one of the *alumnæ* poets, of an effusion dedicated to the guest or guests of honor.

Our activities in the fall began at the September meeting at our president's home. Here plans were made to help the college chapter in its rushing as much as is consistent with Panhellenic rules.

Although the main purpose of our organization is social, we have accomplished one or two concrete things this year. Mrs. Parkinson and some of the other members of the chapter were instrumental in helping the college chapter establish itself upon a saner financial basis under the new system of cooperative management entered into by several of the fraternities at Wisconsin.

The Theta building association (owner of the chapter house) is incorporated separately from the Madison *alumnæ* chapter but its business is carried on so entirely by members of our chapter we feel it to be one of our activities. The untiring efforts of Mrs. Harper and Miss Helen Kellogg are attested by the fact that, while a five per cent dividend has been declared annually, the mortgage is perceptibly diminishing and a comfortable contingency fund is on hand. At the present time the board of directors is making an unusual effort to have the number of stock holders greatly increased and the Madison chapter will do its best to meet this wish.

We undertook this year to arrange for the joint college and alumnae Founders'-day celebration. Our plans for an informal supper and an even more informal vaudeville were stopped by the sudden death of one of our members, Mrs. M. B. Rosenberry.

Our meetings this year have been more largely attended than ever before and a larger percentage of resident Thetas have become active members. Mrs. Parkinson, as president, has done much to renew the interest of all in our chapter and to fill us with new enthusiasm.

Laura Leonard Gilman

NORMAN-OKLAHOMA CITY ALUMNÆ

The Norman-Oklahoma City alumnae is just finishing the first year of its existence and still feels very young and new. Summer vacation came so soon after we were established, that we accomplished little in the spring, except selling one hundred pounds of Black Cat coffee, and writing letters to our scattered alumnae asking for two dollars apiece. Of course, it is too often true that the Theta who leaves college never hears anything from her Theta sisters except when they want some money, but even if our girls felt that way, they all responded to our call for money, many of them even sent five dollars instead of the two we asked for.

Our object in collecting this money was to buy something for the Alpha Omicron's chapter house. When the chapter came together again in the fall, it took us a long time to decide what we wanted to do with our "precious pennies" but at last we decided to help the college chapter buy a grand piano. A grand piano, is a very big undertaking for women who have no purses of their own, but by the time the fraternity birthday came, the combined forces, of the alumnae, the fathers of the college girls, and the old upright piano, put a new baby grand Vose piano into the chapter house.

Now the college chapter and the alumnae are shouldering the burden together, and four dollars a month apiece is all we have to pay.

As our whole attention is turned toward the college chapter we do little else. Last spring, we presented them with a loving-cup, on which each semester is engraved the name of the member with the highest scholastic average.

26 March 1917

Marian Stuart Brooks

PROVIDENCE ALUMNÆ

In reviewing the activities of our chapter during the season of 1916-17 the work done for charity must occupy the foreground. Through one of our members, who is an important worker in the Providence Society for organizing charity, we have given clothing to needy and suffering children. This has been done both by the chapter

as a unit and by various members as individuals. At Christmas the chapter voted a sum of money to be spent on clothing to meet the demands of needy cases investigated by the Society for organizing charity.

The writing of the history of Alpha Epsilon chapter of the Women's college in Brown university is still being carried on by a committee of three.

Our meetings, held on the third Friday of every month, have been social in character except for the carrying on of fraternity business, local and national. In January we celebrated Founders'-day with a supper, but this has been our only purely social gathering of the year.

Ottilie M. Taber

'05 Alice W. Traver is winning marked success in her series of original monologues which she has given before many well-known organizations in New England.

'08-sp Mabel E. Guile is now staying at the Hotel Vanderbilt, New York City.

'08 The address of Mrs Sidney S. Paine (Audrey L. Lake) is Box 319, Moosup, Conn.

'10 Leila Tucker has accepted the position of contralto soloist at the Central Congregational church, Providence.

'12-ex Born to Mr and Mrs Hawthorne Howland (Elizabeth J. Brown) Feb. 28 at Chadds Ford, Pa. a son, John Howland.

'13-ex Dorothy S. Wood has begun a course of training for nursing at the Presbyterian hospital, New York City.

PULLMAN ALUMNÆ

Our struggle for existence has been a little unusual since Pullman is a small town. Instead of striving to get each Theta in town interested, our efforts have been to coerce Thetas all over this part of the state into our chapter, as associate members. And we succeeded (we admit it), for besides our ten local members, we have eleven associate members, to whom we write occasionally, and issue receipts for national dues and Bimonthly subscriptions. A few of these members, who are near enough, attend some of our monthly meetings, and we hope that the others are with us in spirit, at least.

As big sister to Alpha Sigma, our interests are naturally somewhat local. In fact at present they are almost confined to a corner of a block in Pullman, which next year will be decorated by a new home for the chapter. At least if the price of materials will just stop soaring long enough, so we can get a contract signed, this will be the case. We have organized and incorporated a Building association, under the direction of a Board of six members, four from the alumnae chapter and two from the college chapter. Nearly all members of Alpha Sigma have signed notes, payable in five annual instalments. A loan has been secured, and we will start our building this spring. And while we may all be dead and buried, before we can really call our home our own, it will eventually belong to this chapter.

Our monthly meetings, as described in our By-laws, are "business and social." A casual visitor might think the "business" mostly hemming napkins, and discussing the relative merits of crochet and tatting, but nevertheless, the offenders will be sadly missed next year, when they have taken their well-filled hope-boxes, and departed. Now, though, we are meeting each month at the Red Cross headquarters, where we are trying to do our little part for "Humanity." We have a room set aside for us on our day, so we can hold our business meetings while we are rolling bandages.

28 March 1917

Marien Swezey

SEATTLE ALUMNÆ

The very best thing that Seattle alumnae has done this winter is to feel, really and in fact, the older sister of Alpha Lambda. I believe this last year stands out prominently among the nine years of our existence as the one in which we have come nearest to knowing the girls in the University of Washington, and to be actively interested in them. It will be necessary to go back a year, to tell you when and how we started. In 1915, Alpha Lambda became very anxious to have a new home; and it behooved us alumnae to "get busy" and help if we could. So, in December, 1915, we held a Bazaar, at which we cleared fifty dollars. This was given to the college chapter for their house fund; and since then we have been doing as much as we can to help them.

Second only in our hearts to our deep interest in Alpha Lambda, is the Scholarship fund. Every year since its establishment, Seattle alumnae has had a food sale to raise money for the fund. This is in addition to the yearly per capita tax of fifty cents. We feel that the Scholarship fund is the biggest and most worthy undertaking of Kappa Alpha Theta, and we sincerely wish we could do for it much more than we are able to do.

Founders'-day is gala-day with us and this year we celebrated with the college chapter at a most wonderful banquet. There were eighty Thetas present, and you'd better believe we were a grand, and beautiful, and happy sight!

Red Cross work has taken Seattle by storm, and Seattle alumnae hopes to join its ranks. Indeed, in what bigger and better channel could we expend our energy and money?

In April we join the college chapter in giving a wonderful big dance, to whose music our hearts will flutter and our feet step as in our college days—we hope!!!

In conclusion let me say that the alumnae chapter is dearest to us all as a means of continued companionship and friendship with true and tried wearers of our beloved Kite; renewing acquaintances, and bringing back loved memories of our college days which we can never forget.

17 March 1917

Roxy Smith Bremner

SYRACUSE ALUMNÆ

The first meeting of Syracuse alumnae for 1916-1917 was held with Laura Cowan Wilson at Baldwinsville. The trip of twelve miles, made by automobile, the perfect autumn day, the most attractive bungalow, and the good luncheon were features of the occasion.

The October meeting was at the chapter house with Chi. Mrs. Horace A. Eaton gave the talk on *The college woman in the community*. Mrs. Eaton is president of the Consumers' league in Syracuse and spoke of its aims, *i. e.*, shorter hours for working women and a bettering of conditions under which they work—and a plea for early Christmas shopping. She also spoke of the Commonweal club whose originator here is Lesley West. Miss West is chairman of the committee which has always arranged for the public lectures and forums and is now helping establish similar clubs in this state. The Commonweal club in Syracuse has a membership of over one thousand business and professional women and all others interested in civic movements. Mrs. Eaton has a wonderful personality and her clear forceful talk helped the girls to realize their power for good in the community. Chi active then gave a short musical program and refreshments were served.

The Christmas party is always a large meeting, due to the alumnae back for the holidays. The chapter house is turned over to the alumnae for the evening. That we all enjoyed the good supper goes without saying. A short business meeting followed and plans were discussed for another campaign for chapter house funds to reduce the mortgage to \$5,000. Olivia Pratt as chairman of the campaign committee made several good suggestions for ways and means.

We celebrated Founders'-day at the chapter house and had supper with the college girls. Mrs. Anna Botsford Comstock, Iota, gave a beautiful talk on the meaning of fraternity life. We appreciated and enjoyed Mrs. Comstock's being with us immensely—and realized that she had to give up being at Iota's Founders'-day celebration to be with us.

March 9 we enjoyed another supper meeting (what good cooks we have in our midst) at the home of Lena Hoose Markham. Our officers were elected for the coming year and a splendid program was given, *American musical composers* with illustrations by our gifted members.

Two weeks later Miss L. Pearle Green made her visit to the chapter and Mrs. Edwin H. Shepard gave a tea in her honor. Miss Green told us informally of fraternity interests and policies and of the joys of attending the convention to be.

Chi seniors will be our guests at the April meeting with Lola Lowther, and Jennie Bingham will talk on *Old New England*.

In May we meet with Helen Wright—and last of all the year—the reunion in June.

Katharin Jaynes

TWIN CITY ALUMNÆ

Twin City alumnae is just finishing a very successful year, successful in that it has been able to cooperate with the college chapter more closely than ever before.

The first meeting was a rushing tea at which the alumnae were hostesses to the college chapter and the rushees.

At Christmas time the alumnae chapter joined with Upsilon in its annual Christmas tree and presented to the house a silver tea service and tea napkins, initialed and hemstitched.

Then, as soon as the holidays were over we turned our attention to two large projects, the first being the Founders'-day banquet which proved to be the largest in number, ninety being present, and greatest in enthusiasm of any that we have ever held.

The other undertaking is the fair to be given next fall; committees were appointed including in their membership every alumna in the Twin Cities and letters were written to out-of-town Upsilon members asking them to contribute. In February, the usual monthly afternoon business and social meetings were extended to all day meetings with sewing for the fair, the hostesses for the day serving a simple luncheon. The financing of the fair is to be carried on through the fair treasurer, Edna Broom, and materials are to be bought by the fair chairman, Mary Stoughton and the committee chairmen. The funds necessary for starting the fair were raised in several ways but chiefly by renting a popular moving picture theater for an afternoon. By selling homemade candy between the two performances, the college chapter added to the proceeds. The Movie was well attended and was considered not only a great financial success but also a delightful social gathering for Thetas and their friends.

In February, we instituted the custom of reserving a table biweekly at a popular tea room where Thetas could drop in and eat together informally. The plan met with a great deal of enthusiasm and has been very successful.

We have been fortunate this year in having many new members added to our chapter so that, now, our membership contains representatives from many chapters. One of our most interesting meetings this winter was given over to our "chapter roll" at which time these new members brought us into close acquaintance with their college chapters by giving us personal accounts of them.

Jane M. Howes

The Champaign-Urbana alumnae club was organized in October, 1916, with Mrs. E. J. Reece (Sabra Stevens), president and Elizabeth Greene, secretary treasurer. Monthly meetings are held at Theta homes, or at the chapter-house. For a new organization it has accomplished much; having fitted out the chapter's room at the chapter-house with new bedding, curtains, rugs, et cetera. In January when the college chapter was too busy with examinations to plan the Founders'-day celebration, the Alumnae club gave a dinner at the house for the college chapter; after dinner alumnae gave a program of music and stunts. The university is to have a Students' hospital and the club plans to furnish a room there.

Can any young alumnae club show greater achievement?

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